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TRIBUTES PAID TO PAHALGAM VICTIMS ON ANNIVERSARY OF TERROR ATTACK

Tributes were paid on Wednesday to the 26 people who were gunned down by terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir's Pahalgam last year

INDIA WILL NEVER BOW TO TERRORISM: MODI

"Remembering the innocent lives lost in the gruesome Pahalgam terror attack on this day last year," Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on X, adding India will never bow to terror. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said the nation stands united against terrorism. The European Union and the United Kingdom have expressed solidarity with the people of India

FAMED MEADOWS OF PAHALGAM BUZZING AGAIN

- Security was beefed up across the Valley, with police and paramilitary forces deployed at many places, especially the tourist hotspots
- The April 22 attack dealt a severe blow to the region's tourism industry—a key pillar of the local economy. A year down the line, the famed meadows of Pahalgam are once again buzzing with tourists

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PAHALGAM TOURIST SPOTS WERE SHUT AFTER ATTACK. MANY ARE NOW OPEN

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Gripping Tamil Nadu contest today for decisive mandate

T MURUGANANDHAM @Chennai

ALL arrangements are in place across the state for electing 234 members to the 17th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on Thursday. With around 74 lakh names deleted during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), the turnout may rise due to a reduced electorate base, though the actual participation levels will determine the final outcome. A total of 5.67 crore voters will exercise their franchise at 75,064 booths.

Chief Minister M K Stalin's DMK is facing a stiff challenge from the NDA led by former CM Edappadi Palaniswami, while actor-turned-neta Vijay is the X-factor.

A notable 14,59,039 first-time voters are expected to play a critical role, with many young people showing strong enthusiasm to cast their ballots. This engagement is further evidenced by a significant number of people travelling back to their home towns to fulfil their democratic duty.

When asked about her expectations regarding the voter turnout, Chief Electoral Officer Archana Patnaik, addressing a press conference at the state secretariat on Wednesday, said, "Highest ever." As per sources, about 13 lakh commuters left Chennai for various parts of Tamil Nadu and neighboring states on Tuesday and Wednesday, using government and private buses and trains.

Giving an overview of the state's readiness, the CEO said there are 5,949 sensitive polling booths in 3,025 locations across the state. An official said security arrangements for these booths are already in place, including deployment of micro observers and CAPF personnel along with police personnel.

She said 3,60,068 polling personnel have been engaged for the election, and 300 companies of CAPF have also been deployed to ensure free and fair elections. Besides, 83,875 police personnel are also on election duty. The vote counting will take place at 62 centres. In response to a question, the CEO said that 4.18 lakh postal ballots have been received so far. As for social media posts, 243 rebuttals and clarifications have been issued, and 163 FIRs have been lodged. She said 2,118 URLs have been blocked by the social media monitoring team in response to complaints.

There are 249 model polling stations in the state. Of them, 325 are all-women-managed; 71 are PwD-managed; and 79 are youth-managed. Green polling stations are being piloted in certain districts.

So far, the total value of goods and cash seized stood at ₹1,262 crore, of which ₹543 crore was in cash. As for election-related complaints, 5,634 complaints have been received through the CVigil app. Of them, only 17 are pending. About 74,270 complaints received through call centres from districts, and 52 remain unresolved.

HC: No mass arrests of people

The Calcutta High Court on Wednesday stayed the EC's plan to swoop down on 'troublemakers' enmasse and arrest them ahead of the first phase of polls. "It is wrong to identify someone as 'troublemaker' and arrest them on mass scale," it observed. Police can take action as per law. But the rule of the law has to be followed even for preventive arrest, the court said

ECI: Kharge issued notice

The ECI took "serious note" of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "terrorist" and issued him a "stern notice", officials said. He has been asked to explain his stand within 24 hours, they added. Kharge had accused Modi of "terrorising" political parties | **P9**

Toughest test yet for Mamata to crush challenge

SUBHENDU MAITI @Kolkata

WEST Bengal is all prepped up for a pulsating contest between Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress and the BJP on Thursday when 152 of the total 294 constituencies in the state go to polls in the first of the two-phase elections amid unprecedented security cover.

This is the first election after the Election Commission of India's controversial Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of rolls resulted in 91 lakh deletions from the list. How it would impact the outcome is anybody's guess. Appellate tribunals added just 139 of the 27 lakh — whose names did not figure in the supplementary rolls — to the list of eligible voters in the first phase.

Of the 152 seats in the first phase, 54 in north Bengal districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, Cooch Behar, North Dinajpur, South Dinajpur and Malda are seen as strongholds of the BJP. The remaining 98 seats in districts like Murshidabad, East Midnapore, West Midnapore, Jhargram, Purulia, Bankura, West Bardhaman and Birbhum, are part of the the traditional citadel of the TMC. The respective strengths of the CPM-led Left Front and the Congress will also be under test. Apart from SIR and anti-incumbency, the TMC faces serious charges like widespread corruption, poor law and order, infiltration and tribal discontent.

Due to lack of motorable roads to Vellakavi and other high-altitude villages in Kodaikanal taluk of Dindigul district, polling materials and EVMs are being carried on horses and mules. Teams must trek through a seven-kilometre rugged terrain to reach designated polling stations | EXPRESS

POLL WALL

IN TN, A 3-WAY FIGHT AND AN X-FACTOR AT PLAY | P7

ONLY 139 MORE GET TO CAST VOTE TODAY: TRIBUNAL | P10

ALL SET FOR PHASE 1 POLL, N BENGAL HOLDS KEY | P10

₹599-cr valuables seized in TN, says EC

The Election Commission on Wednesday said valuables worth ₹599 crore have been recovered as part of poll seizures in Tamil Nadu. Since the Election Seizure Management System was activated on February 26, freebies and allurements worth ₹1,072.13 crore have been recovered in West Bengal and TN, the EC said.

US tourist sexually assaulted in Kodagu, caretaker & homestay owner arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Madikeri

A US national has alleged sexual assault at a homestay in Kutta village of Kodagu district, with the case coming to light days after the incident after it was reported to the US Embassy. The police have arrested two persons, including the homestay owner, and launched a detailed investigation.

According to Kodagu police, the incident occurred on April 12 within the jurisdiction of Kutta police station near Kerala border. The primary accused, hailing from Jharkhand, who was employed as a cook and caretaker at the homestay, has been booked for sexual assault.

The homestay owner has also been arrested for allegedly failing to assist the victim promptly and attempting to suppress the incident. Both accused have been remanded to judicial custody.

It appears that there was an attempt to cover up the incident. But once the police became aware of it, action was taken, and the accused were remanded in judicial custody

Dr G Parameshwara, Home Minister

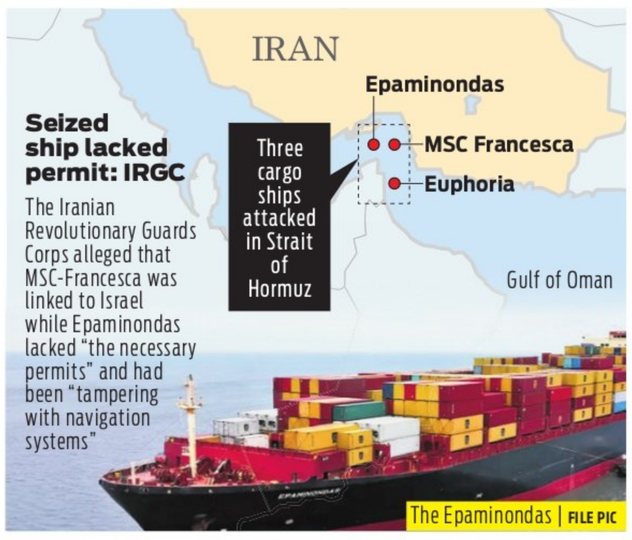
Kodagu Superintendent of Police Bindu Mani confirmed the arrests and said the investigation is going on. The police are examining all aspects, including allegations that the victim's movement was restricted and all her communication was restricted for several days after the incident.

Sources said the woman, who had booked a tent stay at the property from April 12 to April 17, reported that she was drugged and assaulted on the night of her arrival. She later informed the homestay owner, who shifted her from the tent to his residence on the premises, saying it would be safer. However, the victim alleged that she was not allowed to leave immediately and wifi at the property was disabled, limiting her ability to seek help. The woman is believed to have left the homestay on April 17 and subsequently travelled to Mysuru, from where she contacted the US Embassy. A formal complaint was registered later.

The police said the survivor is currently undergoing medical treatment, and further details will be released after the investigation progresses.

Kodagu district in-charge minister NS Boseraju directed the SP to conduct a thorough and impartial probe. Emphasising Kodagu's global reputation as a tourist destination, he called for strict action against those found guilty to ensure accountability and safeguard the district's image.

SURVIVOR APPROACHES US EMBASSY IN MYSURU: P4


IRAN
Epaminondas
MSC Francesca
Euphoria
Three cargo ships attacked in Strait of Hormuz
Gulf of Oman
Seized ship lacked permit: IRGC
The Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps alleged that MSC-Francesca was linked to Israel while Epaminondas lacked "the necessary permits" and had been "tampering with navigation systems"

The Epaminondas | FILE PIC

Trump extends truce, Iran seizes India-bound ship

AGENCIES @Washington/Dubai

IRAN on Wednesday fired at three cargo ships and seized two of them, including one bound for Gujarat, hours after US President Donald Trump announced that Washington was indefinitely extending its two-week ceasefire with Tehran.

The Iranian Revolutionary Guards intercepted and transferred two vessels, identified as the "MSC-FRANCESCA" and the "EPAMINONDAS" (bound for Mundra port in Gujarat), to Iranian territorial waters, Iranian media reported. It comes a day after the seizure of an Iranian vessel by the US in the Sea of Oman.

Late on Tuesday night, Trump said he was extending the ceasefire at the request of Pakistan to give Tehran's leadership more time to prepare a unified proposal to end the war. "Based on the fact that the Government of Iran is seriously fractured... and, upon the request of Field Marshal Asim Munir, and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, of Pakistan, we have been asked to hold our attack," President Trump said.

As for the peace talks in Islamabad, there is little clarity on when, or even if, they will take place. Trump, however, told *The New York Post* that it's possible that the second round could begin by Friday, adding the economic blockade of Iran's ports will remain in place. Sources in Pakistan told the daily talks would resume in 36-72 hours.

Iran has not confirmed if it is ready to attend the new round of talks. Its chief negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said it is "not possible to reopen the strait" if the US blockade of Iran's ports continue. Oil prices rose again on Wednesday with Brent North Sea climbing above $100 a barrel while West Texas Intermediate traded above $93 once again.

Meanwhile, India denied making any payments —either in cash or cryptocurrency —to Iran to secure safe passage for its vessels through the Strait of Hormuz. Two Indian vessels were fired upon as they attempted to cross the waterway on April 18. Reports said at least one ship fell victim to a scam offering fake safe passage in exchange for crypto.

DAY 54 | WAR WATCH

Lebanon attacked despite truce

Israeli strikes killed three people in Lebanon despite an ongoing 10-day ceasefire, Lebanese state media said, adding that Beirut would request an extension of the truce during upcoming talks with Israel in Washington. The two governments, which do not have diplomatic relations with each other, are set to hold a second round of talks under US auspices on Thursday **P11**

45-year-old man dies after treatment at Victoria Hosp

GAYATHRI M KURUP @Bengaluru

ALLEGED medical negligence and complications post treatment at Victoria Hospital led to the death of a 45-year-old delivery worker, Shahnawaz, on March 15. He was admitted to the hospital on February 19 with a severe infection in the scrotum, identified as Fournier's gangrene -- a rare but serious condition with poor prognosis.

According to his wife Sharly, a procedure was performed, but Shahnawaz was discharged on March 3 before he could recover fully and his stitches healed. He was referred to the plastic surgery department, but was not admitted as the wound was not considered healthy enough for further surgery.

The family reportedly stayed on the hospital premises for a few days seeking help, but as they were turned away, they had to return home. Sharly said that at home, the stitches opened suddenly on March 15 and Shahnawaz started bleeding excessively. He died within minutes.

Medical Superintendent of Victoria Hospital Dr Deepak S told *TNIE* that a committee has been formed to investigate the case. "The patient's wife approached me, stating that her husband was discharged prematurely. We have constituted a committee of three senior professors from medicine, surgery and plastic surgery to review all records, case sheets and take inputs from doctors and the family," he said.

"Fournier's gangrene is a very serious infection of the scrotum with poor prognosis. The standard treatment involves multiple sittings to remove dead tissue, followed by plastic surgery once the wound becomes infection-free and healthy," he said. **P6**

Didi's I-PAC raid dharna 'harmed democracy': SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday rapped West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for her alleged interference in the Enforcement Directorate raids at political consultancy firm I-PAC's office in Kolkata earlier this year.

Noting that such actions harm democracy, a bench of justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and N V Anjaria said: "A chief minister cannot walk into the midst of an investigation, put the democracy in peril, and then say don't convert this into a dispute between the state and the Union."

The bench made the strong oral remarks while hearing the writ petitions filed by the ED and its officers under Article 32 of the Constitution seeking a CBI probe against Banerjee and her officials.

Senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy, appearing for a West Bengal official, questioned the maintainability of ED's plea, saying the dispute is between the Centre and state and should be resolved under Article 131.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, for another Bengal official, argued the ED can't invoke fundamental rights under Article 32.

The bench, while rejecting the respondents' arguments, said it can't shut its eyes to the ground realities in Bengal.

DIRECT

DELHI-BEIJING FLIGHTS RESUME

Air China has resumed its non-stop Delhi-Beijing flight, reconnecting the flight services between the two capitals. Flights will operate on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays, the airline said

EXPRESS READ

Govt notifies online gaming Rules 2026

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday notified rules to regulate the digital gaming ecosystem under the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming (PROG) Act, 2025 | **P12**

SSLC exam-1 results to be out today

Bengaluru: The SSLC exam-1 results will be announced on Thursday afternoon and the results will be available online after School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa's press meet at 12 noon. "We will follow allotting marks for third language, including Hindi, in SSLC exams for this academic year 2025-26. The grace marks issue will be discussed and announced tomorrow in the press meet," Bangarappa said. The state government has made it clear that the total marks will be 625 instead of 525 | **P7**

Govt to conduct student elections

Bengaluru: Ministers MC Sudhakar and Dr Sharan Prakash Patil said the government would conduct student union elections as per the recommendations of the JM Lyngdoh Committee report | **P2**

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Nakshatra: Punarvasu 1.29 am • Moon in Kataka Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 35°C
FORECAST
Overcast

Sunrise 06.02 am
Sunset 06.33 pm
Moonrise 11.28 am
Moonset 12.44 am

GOVT LIKELY TO LOSE MAJOR REVENUE BY PROMOTING PREMIUM FAR OVER TDR

'Disincentivising TDR will impact road widening, land acquisition for public infra projects'

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

THE state government has issued a notification regulating the framework governing the Premium Floor Area Ratio (PFAR). The notification issued by the Urban Development Department (UDD) dated April 21 withdraws key provisions related to impact zone PFAR under the Revised Master Plan (RMP)–2015.

However, a comparison between PFAR and Transferable Development Rights (TDR) indicates that the state may witness significantly lower revenue realisation by promoting PFAR over TDR.

"In exercise of powers conferred under the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961, Clause 3.4(vi) relating to impact zone Premium FAR in the Zonal Regulations of RMP–2015, notified in June 2021, has been withdrawn. Further, the provisions in Chapter-10 relating to Transferable Development Rights (TDR) stand withdrawn with reference to the earlier framework," according to the notification.

PFAR VS TDR – A SCENARIO

FAR – **1.75**
Area of plot – **2,17,800** sqft (approx 5 acres)
Guidance Value (GV) – **₹12,542** per sqft
Allowable total FAR area – **3,81,150** sqft
Additional FAR (PFAR) – **2,61,360** sqft
Notional TDR equivalent – **1,49,348** sqft
PFAR realisation – **₹91.7** crore
TDR equivalent value – **₹187** crore
Indicative differential – **₹95** crore

The policy would result in dilution of revenue potential. PFAR could yield more than 50 per cent lower value compared to TDR

Prashanth Mirle, Advocate

Comparing PFAR and TDR across multiple FAR scenarios (1.75, 2 and 2.50) for a representative site area of about 5 acres, advocate Prashanth Mirle noted that across scenarios, the state's realisation under PFAR remains materially lower when compared to TDR.

Explaining a scenario with FAR 1.75, Mirle said, "For a plot area of about 2,17,800 sq. ft. (approximately 5 acres), with a guidance value of Rs 12,542 per sq. ft., the allowable total built-up area works out to 3,81,150 sq. ft. The additional FAR area to be constructed through PFAR is 2,61,360 sq. ft. with a corresponding notional land component of 1,49,348 sq. ft. While the final realisation under PFAR is Rs 91.7 crore, the equivalent value under TDR is Rs 187 crore. This results in a differential of about Rs 95 crore, with PFAR yielding more than 50 per cent lower value compared to TDR."

He added that PFAR operates on a capped levy mechanism, primarily linked to a percentage of guidance value, whereas TDR reflects the full notional land value aligned with market dynamics, leading to comparatively lower revenue realisation under PFAR.

He further pointed out that PFAR does not trigger ancillary revenue streams such as stamp duty (5%), registration fee (2%) and GST (5%) to the same extent as TDR-linked transactions, resulting in additional indirect revenue implications for the State.

"The policy would result in dilution of revenue potential despite identical development capacity. At the same time, the TDR mechanism would be disincentivised, which could impact road widening and land acquisition processes for public infrastructure," Mirle said.

CITY PREPS FOR RAIN

GBA chief inspects measures taken to prevent flooding at Sai Layout

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GREATER Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheswar Rao instructed officials to take precautionary measures to prevent flooding at Sai Layout during monsoon.

The layout has been flooding every time the city receives heavy rains.

To prevent waterlogging in Sai Layout, work is in progress to install additional vents in the stormwater drain (SWD) near the railway track to ensure smooth water flow. Permission has been obtained from the railways for the box pushing work. Accordingly, one box pushing operation is already underway, and officials have been directed to complete it by April 30, Rao was updated by the officials.

The officials said that the girders have been installed to ensure that train movement is not disrupted, and one box has been pushed up to 12 meters.

"Approximately 2 meters of pushing is being carried out daily, and the work is expected to be completed within the stipulated time. Another box work is almost complete and will be finished by May 30. Parallelly, RCC retaining wall work will also be completed," officials said.

Another vent construction by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) near Sai Layout is in progress. To prevent waterlogging during the rainy season, officials from City Corporation and BDA have been instructed to inspect the site immediately and arrange for water storage and a temporary pumping system to drain excess water.

Rao directed officials to undertake complete desilting work in the Hebbal valley near the Geddalahalli railway vent to ensure smooth flow of rainwater during the monsoon.

White topping work for approximately a 5 km stretch on Hennur–Bagalur Road has been taken up, and officials were told to complete it by June 15. So far, 4.2 km on one side and 2.2 km on the other side have been completed. Additional staff have been directed to be deployed to speed up the remaining work.

Along with laying white concrete, instructions were given to take up parallel development of buffer zones and footpaths. As contractors are adopting delaying tactics, B-SMILE officials have been instructed to impose penalties.

As stormwater drain (SWD) work is required beneath the Geddalahalli railway track on Hennur–Bagalur Road, and that K-RIDE work is also underway in the same area, instructions were given to construct a culvert and use trenchless technology to connect the drain to the nearby SWD.

In the secondary waste collection unit established in Sarvagnanagar Assembly constituency, around 200 tons of waste are being collected daily from 6 wards in two shifts using 156 auto-tippers. In wards where mixed waste is higher, junior health inspectors and marshals have been directed to ensure effective implementation of waste segregation at source.

Bengaluru East City Corporation Commissioner DS Ramesh inspects an underpass on Wednesday | EXPRESS

East Corpn to focus on flood-prone areas

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BENGALURU East City Corporation Commissioner DS Ramesh visited various locations identified as flood-prone during the pre-monsoon and monsoon seasons and conducted field inspections on Wednesday early morning.

He reviewed the progress of ongoing stormwater drain development works and infrastructure projects.

After inspecting the major work at Geddalahalli Railway Vent, the Commissioner said that, in coordination with the Railway Department, two girders have already been installed. A precast concrete box has been pushed up to approximately 10 meters, and the work of pushing two concrete boxes is scheduled to be completed by May 30.

He also inspected stormwater drain development works taken up under World Bank funding at key locations across the corporation limits, including Gunjur Rajakaluve, Varthur Lake Kodi Rajakaluve, Rajakaluve near Manipal Hospital, Yemalur (Epsilon area), Challaghatta, Near SGR Dental College, Munnekollal area.

"Streamline and organize existing kutcha drains to ensure smooth flow of rainwater prior to development, remove silt, mud, and waste materials from drains to enable uninterrupted water flow, commence works where work orders have been issued and accelerate progress, clear encroachments in drain areas before taking up development works, Prioritize completion of critical connecting stretches before the monsoon and take all necessary precautionary measures to prevent flooding," he told the officials.

During the inspection, Additional Commissioner (Development) Lokhande Snehal Sudhakar, Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers (Project Implementation Unit) and other officials were present.

State govt to conduct student elections as per Lyngdoh report

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IN a meeting convened with various student organisations on Wednesday, Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar and Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil said the government would conduct student union elections as per the recommendations of the JM Lyngdoh Committee report.

Sudhakar said that elections will be held this academic year only with modifications suited to current conditions on the campuses. During the State Budget 2026, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had announced to conduct elections to form students unions in universities and colleges. Dr Sharanprakash said that the elections will be complementary in terms of making students aware of the democratic aspirations of the Constitution.

Student organisations urged the government to conduct elections without delay. Student leaders representing Left-affiliated organisations — Lekha Adavi, Veena Naik, Shivappa, and Dodda Basavaraj of SFI, AISF, AIDSO, and AISO — called for structured representation in the elected bodies, demanding reserved seats for women candidates.

Aditya N Raj of Vidyarthi JDS struck a regional note, urging that 70 per cent of seats be reserved for Kannada-speaking students. Gopi Rangaswamy and other representatives of the ABVP urged the ministers to lay down eligibility criteria for student candidates, including a minimum attendance threshold of 60 per cent and the absence of any pending FIR or academic backlogs.

This drew objections from Keerthi Ganesh of NSUI and Vidyarthi JDS representatives, who argued that several students may have earned FIRs while participating in pro-Kannada demonstrations. "It is not fair to bar a student based on attendance or an FIR. Everyone should have a fair chance," they said. However, at the same time, members of the governing body in colleges and universities highlighted that if elections are held, the academic progress of students will be hampered. They also expressed that the governing body would not object if the state government framed election rules and regulations so that there would be no disruption in the educational activities and no rowdyism on the campus.

WAITING FOR THE RAIN

As temperatures continue to increase in the city, a student takes out his umbrella to get some relief on a sunny Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

Plaint over messages seeking financial aid in Corpn chief's name

Bengaluru: A complaint has been registered with Amruthahalli police in connection with attempts being made to cheat people by seeking financial assistance in the name of Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar. It has come to light that some unknown individuals are misusing the name, designation and photograph of Sunil Kumar to send WhatsApp messages seeking financial assistance. One such message was sent recently from an international mobile number to Amaresh H, Secretary, State Election Commission. There is a possibility of some individuals attempting to cheat people by seeking financial assistance using the commissioner's identity, according to a press release issued here on Wednesday by BNCC. ENS

East City Corpn seeks volunteers for census work, to pay Rs 9k

Bengaluru: The Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC) has invited walk-in interviews for enumerator roles for the National Census 2027, including the first phase of house listing and housing census and the second phase of population enumeration scheduled in February 2027. The civic body will pay an honorarium of Rs 9,000 and Rs 16,000 for Phase-1 and Phase-2, respectively, to 1,000 enumerators who will be selected. Interested candidates should have minimum PU qualification and must possess a mobile phone with Android 12 or above and minimum 4 GB RAM. Selected candidates will be provided training. According to a release, the house listing and housing census will continue till May 15 and candidates must be willing to work continuously, including on holidays. ENS

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

23rd April : Venus Change Venus connects with Uranus before changing into her Gemini gown. Uranus is a surprising stylist who won't allow anyone to go "safe" or "dated" on his watch. This is an invigoration of taste, a daring push to personal style and a drive to do more than just show up on time. Showing up with a dazzling energy is the new aim.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There's something you're planning. Pulling off events, meetings, trips, even a simple date -- it's all project management on some level, and it's more than a logistical talent. It's an art form. These are the moments of your life, and you'll produce them beautifully.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
You're craving quiet, a little island of peace, and suddenly in come the texts, questions, requests, etc. It's just because you're so needed. And because you're the go-to person, today brings a kind of bittersweet magnetism.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
You matter deeply to people... and you may need to guard your peace a little more deliberately. The very qualities that make you valuable and loved also make you a magnet for other people's needs, sometimes crowding out your own desire for rest.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
You're brave about your work, as you should be. The best way to learn is by putting yourself out there. Knowing full well that the world is filled with critics and trolls, you risk it and learn from the courage that propels you toward your dreams.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Your attention itself changes the scene. Around you, people feel like they are being received, not just heard. Something in them straightens up a little, like a musician realizing the room has perfect acoustics.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Even when you're not performing at your sharpest, you still create connections. So accept whatever energy you have to give as being enough. The unpolished version of you builds stronger bonds than impressing someone ever could.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Financial management can look confusing on paper, yet you take it on. Being willing to face the spreadsheet is half the battle. Keep tracking, adjusting and making decisions under pressure. You'll be an excellent steward of resources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
You're not stuck. You're operating within constraints. You're building options. Each decision you make now, especially around the parts of your life you experience as more challenging, contributes to the ideal future you imagine. It's already underway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
One definition of sadness is holding on to something that hurts to hold. It does seem as though there's something to let go of -- a thought, a story, an idea of who you are. When you drop it, you feel immediately lighter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You wear many faces today -- reflective, lighthearted, instructive, curious, authoritative. None of them feel like costumes; they're all fluent expressions of who you are. You'll meet each moment with the right presence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You're in a growth surge. Use it deliberately. Notice what actually works and adopt it. Notice what feels off and adjust it. Don't get stuck narrating your dissatisfaction. Channel it into movement.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
You're in a moment where clarity plus action will equal real forward movement. And though you're worried about making the right move, you needn't be. The only mistake would be staying still while everything in you is trying to evolve.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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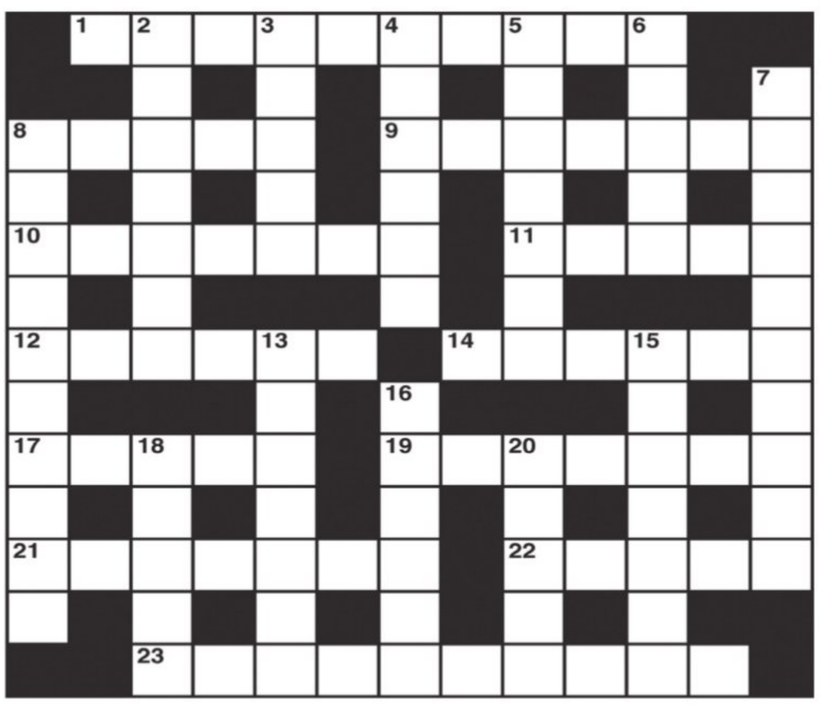

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Indicating a need for quiet or nursing (10)
8 Tree planter we hear (5)
9 Warnings show domestic pets get welcome within (7)
10 Swift to provide a market permit (7)
11 One rand converted into an Arab currency (5)
12 An early walk (6)
14 This train may be held up by the attendant (6)
17 Be fearfully agitated (5)
19 Regains composure, eliminating a bad impression (7)
21 Runs second editions (7)
22 Address the account to right player (5)
23 Passenger-carrying flights (10)

DOWN
2 Called for as arranged (7)
3 In short your lot is decided in Austrian Alps (5)
4 Fastidiousness for exactness (6)
5 A driven out intruder (7)
6 Cereals normally seen in the woods (5)
7 His houses are heavenly (10)
8 Happen to reach a gap in the hills (4,2,4)
13 Conical shape in a manner of speaking (7)
15 Boat is dry-docked having another refit (7)
16 Container ship? (6)
18 Odd reason to have no article in old language (5)
20 A great cry of Stop! (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Martha, 4 Fracas, 9 Cabinet, 10 Scour, 11 Wilco, 12 Nonstop, 13 Part-payment, 18 Heave to, 20 Grant, 22 Camel, 23 Nunnery, 24 Shanty, 25 Halted.

Down: 1 Macaws, 2 Rebel, 3 Handout, 5 Risen, 6 Crouton, 7 Scrape, 8 Stand around, 14 Anaemia, 15 Magenta, 16 Chocks, 17 Stayed, 19 Eilat, 21 Agent.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

MOSPT
RMFEA
VILRDE
CEINTE

I don't know how much more of this I can take.
I've got two life sentences to get used to this sludge.
Every man has his breaking point. This mush is mine.
FOR THE INMATES, EATING MEALS IN THE PRISON CAFETERIA IS PART OF THEIR ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STOOD BLAND NEPHEW LAVISH
Answer: When she stepped off the plane in Antarctica into 70 below, she thought — "LOW" AND BEHOLD

A forest guard deputed to the anti-poaching camp in Antharasanthe drowned in the Kabini backwaters in HD Kote taluk on Wednesday. According to police, Supreeth had gone for a swim in the backwaters along with two other forest staffers when he drowned. The other two managed to swim back to safety

WOMAN SEDATES HUBBY, ELOPES WITH PARAMOUR

She left 2 kids to run away with salon owner, says spouse

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 28-year-old mother of two daughters sedated her husband by mixing sleeping pills with his food and eloped with her paramour.

The woman's 36-year-old husband, TG Sharath Naik, a resident of 17th Cross in Bagalagunte, an accountant, filed a complaint with the Bagalagunte police station against his wife KT Priyanka, a homemaker, and her paramour Prabhu, who runs a salon in Hosakerehalli.

Prabhu reportedly became close to Priyanka when she used to drop her children to school near the salon. The woman is said to have told her husband that Prabhu was blackmailing her with her private videos and was also threatening her with dire consequences if she does not listen to him.

Naik had later shifted his house from Hosakerehalli to Bagalagunte to prevent Prabhu from meeting Priyanka. He also sent her to her parents' house hoping that she would distance herself from Prabhu.

Priyanka reportedly eloped with Prabhu around 11.50 pm on April 11. "My wife went out of the house to throw garbage. Before going she sedated me. I woke up around 2.30 am and did not see her in the house. I rushed to her parents house and did not see her there even. Then we searched for her at the Chikkabanavara railway station and nearby bus stops. In the night, we went to Hosakerehalli where we had stayed before. There we did not see Prabhu's vehicle. I immediately called him, but his mobile phone was switched off. I do not know where my wife has gone, leaving me and my two daughters," Naik told the media.

The police checked the CCTV footage in the vicinity and found that the woman was carrying a backpack along with the garbage bag.

"The woman before leaving home is said to have fought with her husband. Around 9.30 pm on April 11, when Naik returned home, she served him dinner. Within a few minutes after having dinner, the complainant claims to have started feeling very sleepy. Even though his wife was deliberately arguing with him, he could not understand," said an officer quoting Naik's statements.

The couple from Chikkamagaluru got married in 2017 and moved to Hosakerehalli in 2023. Naik shifted to the new house in Bagalagunte in the first week of this month.

POLL HURRY

People from Tamil Nadu board buses to their hometowns to cast their votes in the Assembly elections, at Corpartion Circle on Wednesday night | VINOD KUMAR T

EXPRESS READ

Man smothers wife to death, dies by suicide

Bengaluru: A couple were found dead at their house in RT Nagar police station limits around 12.30 pm on Wednesday. Since there were scratch marks on the husband's hands, police suspect that the woman may have resisted when he was smothering her to death. The man hanged himslef from the ceiling using a saree. The deceased have been identified as David (35) and Sumithra (30). The couple along with their children were staying in Gangenahalli. The couple have been married for 10 years. Due to regular fights between them, they had left their children at a relative's house. Family dispute is said to be the reason behind the incident. ENS

Kiran's kin wants strict punishment to Prema

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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Kiran Prema

THE family of Kiran -- a 27-year-old man who was allegedly set ablaze by his girlfriend on Tuesday afternoon -- is devastated. His family members said that Prema, Kiran's girlfriend who allegedly committed the murder, could have approached them or the police if she had any grievances, instead of murdering him.

Prema (27) and Kiran, who both were working at a telecom store, were in a relationship for the last six months.

At Victoria Hospital, where an autopsy was conducted on Wednesday, Kiran's father broke down while talking to reporters. "I raised my son with a lot of love and care. I never even beat him. We sent him to Bengaluru hoping he would build a good future. He was my only child, now he is no more," he said. The family resides in Chikkanayakanahalli of Tumakuru district. Prema, who allegedly killed his son, should also face punishment commensurate with the crime, he added.

One of Kiran's cousins said, "It is hard to believe that for something as small as ignoring her, she did this to him. How will his parents live now. We did not want to break the shocking news to his mother. When we told her first that he had been admitted to ICU, she fainted."

She mentioned that Kiran's younger brother died of a snakebite at a young age. "After that, his parents raised him with even more care and love. He was in a relationship for six months and this happened."

She said, "If Prema wanted to marry him or had any problem, she could have come to us or approached the police. There are laws for that. Why did she have to take his life?"

Spurned over marriage, GF executed killing: Probe

The Byadarahalli police on Wednesday took Prema into custody for three days for further questioning after producing her before a court. Preliminary investigation revealed that she was angry because her boyfriend Kiran was allegedly ignoring her and was refusing to marry her, which was what drove her to allegedly set him ablaze, police sources said.

A senior police officer said Prema had dropped out of her degree course and was working at the store where she got acquainted with Kiran. Soon after, they got into a relationship. But when Prema came to know that Kiran was in contact with his former girlfriend, she had frequent fights with him. "Kiran's reluctance to marry her appears to have further aggravated the situation. Prema allegedly held a grudge against him for ignoring her and not agreeing to marriage," the officer said.

The police said Prema had planned the crime and brought petrol, kerosene, and the wire to the house. On Tuesday, Prema's mother and brother were away visiting her sister. Prema called Kiran to her house in Anjananagar. Prema allegedly insisted on spending some intimate time, after which she allegedly tied his hands and blindfolded him before pouring petrol and kerosene on him and setting him ablaze.

The police said that so far, only Prema's involvement has been established.

Dowry harassment: Techie dies by suicide; hubby, in-laws on the run

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A 29-year-old software engineer died by suicide at her JP Nagar flat following suspected dowry harassment by her husband, also a software engineer, and his family. The deceased, A Bhuvaneshwari, was staying with her mother and her 18-month-old child. She hanged herself from the ceiling fan between 12.45 pm and 1.45 pm on Monday.

Bhuvaneshwari's friend kept calling her on the phone, but was alarmed when there was no response. She then contacted Bhuvaneshwari's mother to check. The mother with the help of neighbours forced open the door and found her daughter hanging.

Her father T Anbalagan (67) from Thiruvarur in Tamil Nadu filed a complaint against his daughter's husband Harish Kumar, mother-in-law Karthigaivalli and brother-in-law Rakesh Kumar on Tuesday. Her husband had not been staying with her for the last seven months, the complaint stated. The Thalagattapura police are on the hunt or the three accused.

Anbalagan stated in the complaint that his only daughter and Harish were in a relationship before getting married on November 20, 2022, with the consent of both families. Around Rs 25 lakh was spent on the wedding. But as Bhuvaneshwari was harassed mentally and physically, she fell into depression and marriage counselling was also done, the complaint stated. In October 2025, the accused sent the victim to her parents' house. After that, Harish had no contact with the victim and distanced himself from her and their child. When Bhuvaneshwari's family tried to resolve the dispute, Harish refused. Harish and his mother then pressured Bhuvaneshwari to annul the marriage, and when she refused, they allegedly issued life threats, according to the complaint.

She later started living at the flat in JP Nagar. While staying there, she made several attempts to contact her husband, but he continued to insist on divorce. Even when their child fell ill, he did not come to see the child. On April 8, 2026, when Harish's father passed away, the complainant along with his daughter and wife went to attend the funeral. However, Harish and the other two accused prevented them from participating in the funeral rites and sent them away after creating a dispute. Despite giving gold jewellery and money as dowry at the time of marriage, Harish, his mother and his brother continued to harass the victim, demanding that she pay Rs 20,000 to Rs 30,000 every month from her salary and bring money from her parents.

"After getting my daughter married, Harish, his mother and brother subjected her to severe harassment, demanding dowry, pressuring her for divorce, neglecting her and the child, and causing mental and physical cruelty," Anbalagan stated in the complaint.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing No.395, EPID No.9497785879 BBMP Khatha No.99/395, situated at Sector-4, HOSUR- SARJAPURA ROAD (HSR) Layout, Bengaluru, a layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, measuring East to West 24.80 Meters and North to South 6.60+9.90/2 Meters in all measuring 204.60 Square meters, now within the limits of Greater Bengaluru Authority and bounded on the: East by : Site No.381, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by : Site No.394.
S.C. RAJESH KUMAR, Advocate No.387 & 388, 25th 'B' Main, 22nd Cross, Sector-2, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560 102. Mob: 9448239153, Date: 22-04-2026

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-1/Tender/2026-27 Dated: 17.04.2026
Invitation For Short term Tender
Tender ref no:03/2026-27
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the works. (Sira, Koratagere, Madhugiri and Pavagada Taluk) Approx. amount for the work is Rs 574.00Lakhs. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://KPPP.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through KPPP portal on or before 07-05-2026 (up to 4.00 pm), Technical bids will be opened on 08-05-2026 after 4.15 Pm, Financial bid will be opened on 11-05-2026 after 4.15 Pm. Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Madhugiri
DIPR/TUM/33/KSMCA/20265-27

In Loving Memory

K. Premaleela Bhandari
26/9/1938 — 17/04/2026
(Wife of late B. D. Bhandari, and daughter of late Korangarapadi Balakrishna Shetty and late Abbettu Guttu Bhavani Shetty)
Your selfless love and affection will forever remain in all our hearts.
Anita B Punja (Daughter)
&
Family

LOST DOCUMENTS
I, Mr. SHIVA KUMAR, have lost / misplaced Original Absolute Sale Deed Regd.No.BLN-1-70603-2006-07, Bk-I, in CD No.BLND400, Dated-30-03-2007, Regd. in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, in respect of Site No.173 & No.174, formed in Sy.No.168/2, 169 & 170/2, Situated at Sri Saipriya Layout, Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, is lost or misplaced while travelling from my house which is in RPC Layout to Rajajinagar, Bengaluru and inspite of my best efforts I couldn't trace the same and I have lodge online police complaint, if the Original Absolute Sale Deed found please contact at No. 9900540178, R/at No. 2350, 4th Cross, RPC Layout, Bengaluru-560040.

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Name of the Borrowers: Mrs.Chaithra W/o Kumar B, # 190, 4th Cross, Venkatapura Main Road, Koramangala 1st Block, Bangalore, Karnataka-560034.
Loan A/c No: 02310610040461 **Date of NPA on 29.12.2025**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.83,25,220/- (Eight Three Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Only) with further interest and incidental expenses, costs.
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(Particulars of the immovable properties mortgaged to the Bank as stated in the documents having reference to the mortgage documents/deeds)
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The above property is in the name of Mrs. Chaithra
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Date: 22.04.2026, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, *UCO Bank***

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the **Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India** will be sold on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:
Name of the Borrower/Mortgagers: Mr. K. R. Jayaram, S/o K. Ranganatha Rao, Satyadharma Sadana,House No.11, 1st Cross,2nd Stage,Devangi Ratnakar Layout, Shivamogga - 577 204.
Amount Due: Rs.43,85,746/- as on 31.03.2026 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the property/IES: Mortgage of immovable property in the name of Mr. K.R. Jayaram described herein below:
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Property No: Converted Sy.No. 25/4, New Municipal No. 25/4-2, PID No. 39-306-25/4-2. **Extent:** Totally measuring 4 acres 33 guntas. **Location:** Situated at Nayandahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, new coming under the limits of BBMP of Chandra Layout Ward, Guru Sarva Bhoma Nagara, Nayandahalli, Bangalore. **Boundaries:** East by - ITI Layout, West by- Private Layout, North by- Private Layout, South by - Road and ITI Layout.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
Flat No: Flat No. C121, located on the 12th Floor, Block 'C', New Municipal No. 25/4-2/306-TF-C121, PID No. 39-306-25/4-2/306-TF-C121. **Extent:** Super built up area of 1245 Sq.ft. together with 397 Sq.ft. of undivided share in Schedule 'A' property and one open car parking space in the basement floor/ Ground level. **Location:** 'GRC BRUNDAVAN' a residential apartment constructed in Schedule 'A' Property. **Boundaries:** East by- Flat No. C122, West by- Flat No.B125, North by- Open Space, South by- Common Corridor.
Reserve Price: Rs. 97,79,250.00 **EMD: Rs. 9,77,925/-**
Date of Demand Notice: 07.05.2025 **Date of Possession: 07.11.2025**
Date & Time of E-Auction : 12-05-2026 , 12.01 PM to 5.00 PM (with 10 min. unlimited auto extensions)
Last Date for Submission of EMD : 11-05-2026 „ on or before 5.00 PM -Bid multiplier Amount : 1% of the Reserve Price
● **For queries contact Number: 8291220220 & email ID support.ebkray@psballiance.com ● For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit Buyer Manual link provided in the home page of https://baanknet.com ● For auction related queries e-mail to crld.roshivamogga@unionbankofindia.bank or contact 08182-281102.**
Place : Shivamogga, Date : 17.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Union Bank of India**

GENERAL HOSPITAL
ACCREDITED BY NBEMS New Delhi
General Hospital, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560041
Phone: 080-29545722. Email: ghjbengalurudnb@gmail.com
No:GHJ/DNB/28/2025-26 **Date: 21.04.2026**
NOTIFICATION
Walk in interview will be held for the post of **DNB Senior/Junior Consultant (Radiology) and DNB Junior Consultant (OBG) and DNB Programme Assistant** at General Hospital, Jayanagar, Bengaluru for DNB course on contract basis. Interview will be conducted for the advertised post as shown below. All eligible candidates have to appear personally along with requisite certificates on 05/05/2026 at 11.00 AM at office of the Director, 6th Floor, Health and Family Welfare Services, Arogya Saudha, Magadi Road, Bengaluru.

Hospital Name	Speciality	Posts	No. of Post:	Remuneration: Rs
General Hospital, Jayanagar Bengaluru	Radiology	Senior Consultant	01	1.5 Lakhs
		Junior Consultant		1.3 Lakhs
	OBG	Junior Consultant	01	1.3 Lakhs
	DNB	DNB-Programme Assiatant	01	20,000/-

Eligibility Criteria For Junior Consultant
1. PG Degree in the Particular Speciality with 05 years of Post PG Experience for Senior consultant and 02 years of Post PG experience for Junior Consultant including PG teaching experience in recognized Medical College or a DNB centre
2. He/She should be registered under the Karnataka Medical Council (KMC).
3. The Specialist will initially recruit for a period of 1 year. For continuing the service an appraisal will be performed and if found satisfactory, the service may be continued.
4. Age Limit: Within 67 years of age with good Physical and mental health.

Eligibility Criteria For DNb Programme Assistant:
1. Qualification: Any Graduation from recognized University.
2. Age Limit: Below 40 years with good Physical and mental Health.
3. Must have working knowledge of computer/proficiency in MS office and kannada typing.
4. Minimum two years of experience in assisting government projects in Govt. Department/ semi govt/NGO/PVT educational Institutions.
5. The Specialist will initially recruit for a period of 1 year. For continuing the service an appraisal will be performed and if found satisfactory, the service may be continued.

(**Note:** The Candidates who are called for interview must produce all original degree qualification certificates, marks cards, experience certificate, KMC registration certificate as applicable any research paper publications, paper presentations etc. for verification and submit two set of Xerox copy of documents and two passport size photographs)
Sd/-
Medical Superintendent,
General Hospital, Jayanagar, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/301/CCL/2026-27

Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited, a subsidiary of Cochin Shipyard Limited, has concluded FY 2025–26 with a major achievement, delivering six vessels, including four bulk carriers to European clients and two tugs for Indian operators. The milestone highlights the shipyard's rapid emergence as a competitive global shipbuilder

V-P TAKES A VEILED SWIPE AT KHARGE OVER REMARK ON MODI

Says senior Cong leader fails to distinguish between terrorists and terror to terrorists

Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan prays to Lord Basavanna at the Amrit Mahotsav of Dr Basavalinga Pattadevar in Bhalki town of Bidar district on Wednesday | PIC: X

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bidar, Bengaluru

VICE-PRESIDENT CP Radhakrishnan on Wednesday took a veiled dig at AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge over his recent remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi while campaigning in Tamil Nadu.

Kharge on Tuesday had initially referred to Modi as a "terrorist" while criticising the AIADMK's alliance with the BJP in Tamil Nadu. Kharge, however, clarified that he has accused the Prime Minister of "terrorising" Opposition by misusing Central government agencies.

Speaking at the Amrit Mahotsav of Dr Basavalinga Pattadevar in Bhalki town of Bidar district in Karnataka, the V-P said that while differences of opinion between him and Kharge were not unusual, the usage of the term had led to a clear disagreement.

> **There is a difference of opinion between Kharge and me on a small issue. The word terror has been used inappropriately. It is not correct to call someone a terrorist. I feel Kharge ji does not differentiate between black and white...**
> — CP Radhakrishnan, Vice-President

"There is a difference of opinion between Kharge and me on a small issue. The word terror has been used inappropriately. It is not correct to call someone a terrorist. I feel Kharge ji does not differentiate between black and white, or between a terrorist and the terror to the terrorist. Otherwise, I have no problem (with him)... he is a very good friend of mine," the V-P said.

Kharge, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, and minister Eshwar Khandre were among those present at the event.

'India's generosity shouldn't be mistaken for weakness'

Vice President CP Radhakrishnan on Wednesday asserted that India will continue to fight terrorism unitedly, but said the country's "generosity" should not be mistaken for "weakness."

He made the remarks while addressing the 10th convocation of the Central University of Karnataka. He said the rise of "nari shakti" (women's power) reflects a transformative journey towards equality, empowerment, and leadership across multiple fields such as academia, research, governance, entrepreneurship, innovation, space research, and the armed forces. Referring to a press briefing by three women officers of the armed forces on Operation Sindoor, he recalled the 2025 terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 26 tourists on April 22.

(With inputs from agencies)

CONG MUST REMOVE KHARGE: BJP

ENS @ Bengaluru

SENIOR state BJP leaders on Wednesday continued their tirade against AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge for calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "terrorist".

Leader of Opposition in the legislative Assembly R Ashoka demanded that the Congress immediately remove Kharge as AICC president. Kharge should apologise to the people of the country for his derogatory statement against the PM. BJP workers led by party MLAs and MPs will stage a protest near the statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the premises of Vidhana Soudha on Thursday morning, Ashoka told reporters.

He said Kharge, who called the PM a "terrorist", is not fit to continue as Congress president. Such statements indicate that Congress leaders are frustrated. They will never come to power again in their lifetime.

Ashoka, who recently campaigned for BJP candidates in Tamil Nadu, said the party is emerging stronger in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, and it is set to win assembly elections in Assam and West Bengal. Signs of the Congress defeat are clearly visible. To divert people's attention from this, leaders of that party are abusing Modi and other leaders, he alleged.

BJP MP Lahar Singh Siroya said Kharge used an outright derogatory term against the PM. Kharge's actions show that he has a secret pact with Mani Shankar Aiyar. "I suspect that Shri Aiyar, who has always helped the cause of Modiji and BJP by provoking voters to reject the Congress, is now either advising Khargeji or operating through him," he stated in his X post.

Survivor approaches US Embassy while in Mys, Dr G promises action

HOMESTAY HORROR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru, Bengaluru

IN a development that has come to light now in the alleged sexual assault case at a homestay in Kodagu, the survivor — who was reportedly undergoing treatment for a heart condition — approached the US Embassy while in Mysuru, triggering swift communication between diplomatic channels and local law enforcement.

Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, meanwhile, said that such crimes do not send a positive message about the state or society, and strict action will be taken against the culprits.

Highly placed sources said that the woman, after her sexual assault, had travelled from the Kodagu homestay to Mysuru, from where she alerted the US Embassy about the incident. The embassy, acting on her complaint, sent an official email to the Mysuru city police, requesting that they establish contact with the victim and ensure appropriate action.

The survivor had initially refused to provide a formal statement to the police. But she has since acknowledged the incident and made serious allegations that her movements were restricted and wifi connection was cut off at the homestay, preventing her from contacting the authorities immediately after the assault, sources said.

Senior police sources in Mysuru revealed that the matter has drawn attention at the highest levels, with officials from the US Embassy and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) seeking detailed updates on the case. MEA and US Embassy officials also visited Kodagu to gather information firsthand regarding the incident and how it was handled, it is learnt.

Dr Parameshwara, talking to reporters in Bengaluru, said the police took action as soon as they came to know about the alleged rape of the US woman at the homestay. "It appears that there was an attempt to cover up the incident. But once the police became aware of it, action was taken, and the accused were remanded in judicial custody," he said.

A circular has already been issued to homestays, and owners must follow the guidelines. Standard operating procedures are in place regarding who can run a homestays, whether they have a valid licence and what measures must be taken. If incidents occur in violation of these norms, action will be taken as per law, he warned.

He also said, "What message does it send when outsiders are targeted? What kind of image does it create about our society and country?"

Govt paid Lakshmi beneficiaries, now no money to pay staff: BYV

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Karnataka BJP president **BY Vijayendra** on Wednesday alleged that the Congress government in the state has not paid salaries to many of its nearly five lakh employees even by April 22. It is because of misgovernance, poor financial management and corruption, he charged.

On his 'X' account, Vijayendra posted that the state government had failed to distribute Rs 2,000 per month to Gruhalakshmi beneficiaries for the last two years. But as the by-polls to Davanagere South and Bagalkot Assembly constituencies neared, the government distributed the funds to women beneficiaries by dipping into the treasury. That caused a scarcity of funds and nonpayment of salaries to government employees, even though April is coming to an end, he alleged. When the state is facing a financial crisis, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar are indulging in issues like the change in leadership, cabinet reshuffle, Muslim appeasement and their party's internal politics.

AIR regional news unit to remain in Dharwad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hubballi

FOLLOWING intense opposition from prominent personalities and organisations from North Karnataka against shifting the regional news unit at Dharwad All India Radio, the Prasar Bharati on Wednesday withdrew its decision, following Union Minister Pralhad Joshi's intervention. The Karnataka Vidyavardhaka Sangha, a Kannada organisation that spearheaded the struggle for the unification of Karnataka, led the protest against the plan to shift the unit to Bengaluru. The Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry too had demanded that the Union government rescind its order. The decision to withdraw the order was taken a day before the Vidyavardhaka Sangha was to hold a protest.

A press note from Joshi's office stated that following stiff opposition across North Karnataka, Joshi contacted Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw and explained to him the scope of work of the news unit and the necessity of continuing it in Dharwad. Vaishnaw then ordered that the news unit will continue in Dharwad. On Wednesday, the Director General of the Prasar Bharati issued an order stating that with the approval of the competent authority, the order issued regarding the temporary shifting of workload from the regional news unit Dharwad to Bengaluru stands withdrawn with immediate effect.

Joshi had said the order to shift the news division, which serves as the voice of the people of North Karnataka, to Bengaluru was condemnable. The news unit has a history of 45 years, and has been performing important functions such as broadcasting morning regional news, district news bulletins, news features and coverage of Parliament and Legislative Assembly proceedings.

"The regional news division has been beneficial to the people of North Karnataka. There is concern among Akashvani listeners in this region that if the centre is shifted to Bengaluru, regional news will not receive due importance. This would result in injustice to the people here," he stated.

The government had earlier too tried to shift the news unit, but the move was dropped after Joshi's intervention, the press note stated. He emphasised that news divisions should be decentralised rather than centralised. The Dharwad Akashvani Centre has its own identity and strong public support, and its proposed relocation has caused disappointment among its listeners, he stated.

Betting row: Statement misinterpreted, says Dr G; BJP & JDS criticise him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a court order on Tuesday to register an FIR against Home Minister **Dr G Parameshwara** and the Tumakuru Deputy Commissioner over an alleged ₹500 betting remark made by the former in 2025, the minister said, "Legally, it may be wrong, but how my statement is interpreted matters."

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> Dr G Parameshwara, Home Minister

Responding to the media in Bengaluru on Wednesday, Dr Parameshwara said he would not speak much about it. "I made a casual statement, similar to what people say in villages during kabaddi games. Legally, it may be wrong, but how my statement is interpreted matters. If I had promoted betting, that would have been wrong. As a responsible person, it is completely false to say that I promoted betting," he said.

He added that even making casual statements seems to have become difficult. "I respect the law. I am in charge of a department that upholds the law, so I must respect it. Whatever action the law takes, I will abide by it," he said.

Oppn slams Dr G over 'betting'

The BJP on Wednesday hit out at Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara after the 42nd ACJM Court directed the police in Madhugiri taluk of Tumakuru district to file an FIR against the senior Congress leader for allegedly betting on a kabaddi match. BJP demanded why the police had not arrested Dr Parameshwara who "openly agreed to betting". "The police takes action against who indulge in betting... then why not the home minister?" the Karnataka BJP posted on social media platform 'X'.

The BJP said that while voices are being raised across the state to curb illegal online gambling and betting, the home minister himself has publicly engaged in betting for fun.

"The Special Court for People's Representatives in Bengaluru has ordered the registration of an FIR and investigation against Home Minister Parameshwara, who had placed bets during recent kabaddi match at his home town. If the police raid gambling activities and arrest ordinary people, shouldn't they now arrest the state's Home Minister as well?" the BJP questioned.

Meanwhile, JDS, too, hit out at Dr Parameshwara.

"It is unfortunate that the Home Minister, who should be responsible for maintaining law and order in the state, engages in betting and encourages it," the JDS posted on 'X'. The JDS also urged that the minister should conduct himself in a manner that should uphold the dignity of his office.

EXPRESS READ

Uttara Kannada dist gets ₹99 cr to check landslides

KARWAR: Ahead of monsoon this year, the state government has released Rs 99 crore for taking steps towards a permanent solution to address the issue of landslides in Uttara Kannada district. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) had submitted a report pointing to 339 vulnerable spots in the district a few years ago. However, the file was gathering dust with no initiative from the government to implement the recommendations. Uttara Kannada Additional Deputy Commissioner Sajjid Ahmed Mulla told *The New Indian Express* on Wednesday, "Rs 99 crore has been released for finding a permanent solution (to landslides). Small works have already begun. Emergency works, such as strengthening the base of the hills, ensuring proper flow of water and construction of minor retaining walls, will be taken up soon." **ENS**

PLAYING WITH FIRE

People perform 'Thootedara', a centuries-old intense fire-throwing ritual, during the annual 'Kateel Jatre' festival of Durgaparameshwari Temple at Kateel in Dakshina Kannada district early Wednesday. Residents from Attoor and Kodettoor use burning palm fronds against each other as part of a game to please the deity | PTI

High Court issues notice to govt on allotment of land to Congress Bhavan Trust in Tumakuru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday issued notice to the state government on a public interest litigation against grant of two acres land for Congress Bhavan Trust (CBT) in Tumakuru for a throwaway price of Rs 17 lakh as against market value of Rs 23 crore in heart of Tumakuru town that too when the Trust was not existent as on the date of the grant and even without application of grant.

A division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha passed the order to issue notice to the Department of Revenue, Urban Development Department, Deputy Commissioner of Tumakuru, Commissioner of Tumakuru Mahanagara Palike, Directorate of Municipal Administration and CBT.

This was after hearing the petition filed by Gopalakrishna N N, a real estate businessman from Sharadadevi Nagar in Tumakuru, alleging that no action was taken on the alleged grant of land violating norms despite his submission of a representation to the departments concerned of the state government in January this year. As no action was taken, there were hurried attempts to change the nature of the land by putting up construction, the petitioner alleged.

According to the petitioner, two acres of land bearing survey no. 87/1 and another two acres of land bearing survey no.87/2 of Maralur village in Tumakuru Hobli were acquired in 1942 for a public purpose by the then Maharaja of Mysore. Now, two acres bearing survey no. 87/2 stands in the name of Tumakuru Mahanagara Palike.

Home Minister G Parameshwara, a few office bearers and workers of the Congress floated Rajiv Gandhi Urban and Rural Development Trust (RGURT), which was registered in August 2023. Within a month, an undated letter was submitted by its president to the Deputy Commissioner for the grant of one acre of the land bearing survey no.87, on the grounds that the trust has been working for the past 10 years.

When the matter was placed before the cabinet, to accept or reject the proposal for the grant of land to RGURT, the Chief Minister, on May 22, 2025, took a decision to grant two acres at 5 percent of the guidance value to an unknown CBT and not to RGURT. Within five days, on May 27, 2025, a government order was issued granting 2 acres to CBT and the same was registered on June 21, 2025, said the petitioner.

Eighteen passengers were injured after a pickup vehicle overturned at the sixth curve of Charmadi Ghat on the night of April 21. The group from Andhra Pradesh was travelling towards Mangaluru when the driver reportedly lost control. Police said the vehicle was carrying passengers illegally and overloading is suspected. Action will be taken against the driver, say police

Kingpin of ₹410 cr fake tax credit cartel held

Floated multiple bogus business entities & systematically issued fake tax invoices without actual supply of goods

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IN a major breakthrough in an ongoing investigation into a large interstate fake invoicing cartel, the Enforcement Wing (South Zone) of the Commercial Taxes Department arrested a key kingpin involved in generating and routing fraudulent Input Tax Credit (ITC) across multiple states.

In continuation of an earlier case involving fake invoicing activities detected across Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, further investigation revealed that Mohammed Tauqeer alias Mohammad and Shaik Jakeer Hussain alias Basha are the principal masterminds operating behind the scenes.

The duo had floated multiple bogus business entities and were systematically issuing fake tax invoices without actual supply of goods, thereby generating and passing fraudulent ITC to entities in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, an official release stated. The probe revealed that the accused routed such fake ITC to various entities including previously arrested operatives, who in turn passed on the same to works contractors and traders for offsetting their tax liabilities. This mechanism enabled beneficiaries to discharge tax liabilities through ineligible ITC instead of cash payments, causing loss to the government exchequer. The financial magnitude attributable to this network is at ₹410 crores of fraudulent transactions involving wrongful ITC of ₹102.5 crores, the release added.

The modus operandi adopted by the accused reflects a well-structured and evolving pattern, involving frequent creation and cancellation of GST registrations within short durations, continuous change of mobile numbers and bank accounts, operation through multiple layered entities, and functioning in isolated silos to evade detection, the department said.

The accused are from Chittoor, AP, with Mohammed Tauqeer currently residing in Bengaluru and Shaik Jakeer Hussain alias Basha operating from Andhra Pradesh. Their anticipatory bail applications were rejected by the 69th Additional City Civil and Sessions Court, Bengaluru. Despite sustained efforts over the past one month, Shaik Jakeer Hussain managed to flee overseas and remains absconding.

The Department apprehended Mohammed Tauqeer alias Mohammad (aged about 42 years) when he attempted to abscond. He has been arrested for his active role in floating bogus firms and facilitating large-scale fake ITC transactions. The accused has been produced before the Special Court for Economic Offences, which has remanded him to judicial custody for 14 days. Efforts are underway to trace and secure the absconding accused, the department added.

EXPRESS READ

Renovated library opened at Alliance Francaise

BENGALURU: A renovated library, including a reading room and a screening space, was inaugurated by Ambassador of France to India Thierry Mathou at the Alliance Francaise de Bangalore on Wednesday. The now 2,500 sqft library, which is open to public, has 7,500 books in total, including in English, French and Kannada. "We are a 55-year-old institution. From the very beginning, it emerged from a belief that language is a bridge between cultures. The new library has been conceived as an open and accessible learning space. France and India share a deep belief in the power of education," said president of Alliance Francaise de Bangalore Dr Chinmaya Chigateri. **ENS**

Indo-France Festival of Ideas on April 24, 25

BENGALURU: Practising frugality with resources – as a means towards development – will be in focus at the annual Festival of Ideas to be held in the city on April 24 and 25 by the French Institute in India and the Alliance Française de Bangalore. The two-day festival will feature expert discussions on frugality to show how nations, irrespective of their developmental stages, can innovate with limited resources in a constrained global economy like the present. The festival will be held as part of the India-France Year of Innovation. **ENS**

AFTER A YEAR...

COFEPOSA detention ends, Ranya walks out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KANNADA actress **Harshavardhini Ranya**, alias Ranya Rao, who was arrested in a gold smuggling case last year, walked out of Bengaluru Central Prison on Wednesday after the expiry of her one-year preventive detention under the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 (COFEPOSA).

Officials of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) had arrested the 33 year old on March 3, 2025, upon her arrival at Kempegowda International Airport from Dubai for allegedly carrying 14.2 kg of foreign-origin gold bars valued at Rs 12.56 crore. Later, officials arrested two more accused in connection with the case.

The probe revealed that the trio were allegedly part of a larger syndicate that smuggled over 100 kg of gold into India between 2024 and 2025.

Last year, the Special Court for Economic Offences granted statutory bail to Ranya and the two others.

However, all three remained in custody after the central agency invoked the COFEPOSA Act. With the expiry of the COFEPOSA detention period, all three accused are now out of preventive custody.

GREEN AWARENESS

A student holds a placard at an awareness campaign event to mark the World Earth Day at Cubbon Park in Bengaluru. It was organised by ACE Foundation in association with the Department of Women and Child Development, Karnataka | VINOD KUMAR T

Father dies in mishap hours before son to receive medal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kalaburagi

IN a tragic incident, Shivakumar Saxena (57), father of Central University of Karnataka (CUK) student Divyanshu Saxena, died in an autorickshaw accident just 4 km from the varsity campus on Wednesday.

Shivakumar, along with his wife Malati Saxena, had travelled nearly 896 km from Ujjain to attend the convocation ceremony where their son was to receive two gold medals.

The autorickshaw in which they were travelling reportedly overturned, killing Shivakumar on the spot. According to Dr Sangamesh, a faculty member in the Engineering department and Divyanshu's teacher, the student had invited his parents a few days ago to attend the convocation held on April 22.

Divyanshu was set to receive two gold medals—one for securing the highest marks in his B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering, and another gold medal instituted in the name of former Vice-Chancellor A M Pathan for being the overall topper among gold medalists.

Shivakumar Saxena, who is an employee of UCO Bank, left Ujjain along with his wife Malati (homemaker) on Monday evening and arrived here in Kalaburagi on Wednesday morning. They hired an autorickshaw to go to the CUK hostel where their son Divyanshu was residing. At 9.15 am, when the auto was hardly 4 km away and near Rajasthani Dhaba near Aland Toll Gate, it overturned and Shivakumar died on the spot. His wife (Shivakumar's wife) Malati sustained injuries.

CRIME PATROL

Woman critical after husband sets her ablaze

BELAGAVI: Nandgad police have arrested a 29-year-old man for allegedly setting his wife ablaze after a quarrel at their house at Durganagar in Nandgad village of Khanapur taluk. The victim, Manjula Patil, 27, is being treated in Goa Medical College. Her condition is stated to be critical. The accused has been identified as Krishnaji Parashuram Patil. The police arrested him based on a complaint by Santoshi Narayan Bhatkhande, 55, a resident of Karajgi village and mother of Manjula. Superintendent of Police Ramarajan said Manjula married Patil eight years ago. Patil, who hailed from Hattarwad, lived with Manjula in a rented house at Durganagar after their marriage. In the complaint, Santoshi alleged that Patil and his family members, including his father, mother and brother, used to harass Manjula physically and mentally after her marriage. The incident took place on April 19 around 11 am after an argument broke out between Patil and Manjula. **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients 1) Mr. SIDDHARTH THOMAS SEQUEIRA KAMATH, Aged about 40 years, S/o. Mr. Philip Francis Gerard Sequeira, and 2) Mrs. MAUREEN ALICE ANNE SEQUEIRA, Aged about 69 years, W/o. Mr. Philip Francis Gerard Sequeira, both residing at No. 35, Estelle, Trinity Christina Layout, Doddagubbi Main Road, Opposite Urban Grandeur Apartment, Kothanur, Bengaluru 560077, intend to purchase an immovable property bearing **Site No. 16**, bearing **e-khatha old PID No. 2298474045**, **HL Khatha No. 271/3**, **Property No. 72**, BBMP Property Tax Application No. 1600701964, situated at **Kyalasanahalli Village (Trinity Christina Layout)**, **KR Puram Hobli**, **Bengaluru East Taluk**, **Bengaluru**, whose site measuring **East to West : 60 feet** and **North to South : 40 feet**, in all totally measuring **2400 Sq. Ft**, together with a residential house building comprising of **Ground Floor measuring around 1350 Sq**. Ft., (125.4 Sq. Meters) and **First Floor measuring around 1350 Sq. Ft.**, (125.4 Sq. Meters) totally measuring around **2700 Sq. Ft.**, (250.83 Sq. Meters) with RCC roofing, mosaic flooring, windows and doors made of jungle wood, with all civic amenities and appurtenances thereon, and entire property together with the residential house building bounded on **East by : Site No. 9, West by : 25 feet Road, North by : Site No. 15, and South by : Site No. 17.**

In case any person has any right, title, interest, claim of whatsoever nature, by way of sale, gift, lease, heir ship, possession, or any other nature in respect of the aforesaid property, the same should be known in writing to me at the address below with the documentary proof within 14 (fourteen) days from the date hereof, failing which, it shall be construed that such claim is waived, abandoned.

Sd/- **VIJAYENDRA REDDY R**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that Reliance Industries Ltd. had taken demised premises which is morefully described in the Schedule Property below in this public notice from M/s. Speed Trans Cargo Pvt. Ltd. & Sri.H.S.Suresh proprietor of M/s. Speed Cargo Movers on lease for a tenure of 30 years under Lease Deed dated 17/01/2005, bearing registered document No. RJN-1-06854-2004-05, stored in C.D.No. RJND62, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru. However, pursuant to aforesaid my client M/s. Reliance BP Mobility Ltd., have taken over demised premises from Reliance Industries Ltd. under registered Deed of Assignment of Lease dated 15/06/2020, bearing registered document No. VJN-1-0095502020-21, stored in C.D.No. VJND575, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru and my client has been in possession of the same.

However, it appears that the aforesaid M/s. Speed Trans Cargo Pvt Ltd. have mortgaged the demised premises to Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd. without taking consent from my client and Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd. are making hectic efforts to conduct public auction of demised premises of which my client is in physical possession, as the lease is in subsistence. Therefore, the public at large are hereby cautioned to not to deal with the Schedule Property of my client is having lease hold rights. Despite this caution if any party deals with the schedule property without the consent of my client, then same shall be at their risk and consequence for which my client shall not be held responsible.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 6860 sq.ft (49' x 140) bearing Municipal No.17/A1-1, situated at Industrial suburb, 2nd Stage, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore and is bounded on: East by : Property No.17/A1-3 of the Second Lessor, West by: Remaining portion of property belonging to First, Lessor i.e M/s. Speed Trans Cargo Pvt. Ltd, North by: Private Property (Mandovi Motors) bearing Municipal No.17/A2, South by: Road

Sri. PRASHANTH U.T, Advocate
No.46/2-2, 1st Floor, Brundavan Complex', 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003, Email id: prashanthbhag@gmail.com

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

General Public are hereby informed that I, Smt. USHA R. PADIYAR, aged about 80 years, W/o. Late Kallianpur Rajmohan Padiyar, residing at No.306, Shashikiran Apartments, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 055, have lost my original property documents/title deeds related to our Mangaluru House bearing Apartment No.102, in Anshul Apartment, behind Urwa Market, Gandhinagar, Mangaluru-575 003, bearing document No.MGC-1-04108-2006-07 dated 23.09.2006 duly registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Mangalore City. I have lodged a police complaint on 17.04.2026 and I request who ever finds the same, they may kindly return it to my address and they will be suitably rewarded for their act of kindness.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that the Special Power of Attorney dated 29.04.2011 by my client, **Sri.Thimmarayappa** S/o K.Thimmaiah, aged about 68 years, R/at No.186, Behind Old Check Post, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560 057 along with others viz., Smt.Puttamma, W/o Thimmaiah, T.Muniraju, S/o K.Thimmaiah, T.Jagadish, S/o K.Thimmaiah and T.Somasekar, S/o K.Thimmaiah in favour of **Sri.Neelaraj T,** S/o K.Thimmaiah, R/at "Smart Baby", No.3, 3rd Floor, 12th Main Road, M.S.Ramaiah Enclave Main Road, Havanur Layout, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru-560 073 in respect of 0.14 guntas of acquired land in Sy.No.32, more fully described in the schedule, has been cancelled absolutely and completely and revoked all power or authority thereby and thereunder pertaining to my client by causing legal notice dated 25.02.2026 on him.

Therefore, my client hereby notifies to the general public that the said **Sri.Neelaraj T** is not the agent/power of attorney of my client and that anybody transacting in respect of the schedule property with the above said **Sri.Neelaraj T**, would be doing so at their risk in so far as my client's interest is concerned and that my client would not be bound by the same and my client is not responsible for any other future consequences.

SCHEDULE

Agricultural property bearing No.32, situated at Nagasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru-560 073, measuring 37 ½ guntas, out of this, acquired land is 0.14 guntas by the Government of Karnataka.

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಡಳಿತ ಭವನ, ನವನಗರ, ಕೋಡ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 201, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ – 587 102. ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 08354–235214, ಇ–ಮೇಲ್ : dmbagalkot@rediffmail.com

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ದಿನಾಂಕ : 18–04–2026

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಡಾ. ಬಿ.ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮದಿಂದ ಭೂ–ಒಡೆತನ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಭೂ–ಮಾಲಿಕರಿಂದ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿಯ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಜಮೀನು ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಂಟೆ / ತಕರಾರು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದವರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಏಳು (07) ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ದಾಖಲೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ರಜಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಎಡಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾದ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಖರೀದಿ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗೆ ಕ್ರಮ ವಹಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಭೂ ಮಾಲೀಕರ ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ವಿಳಾಸ	ಜಮೀನು ಇರುವ ಸ್ಥಳ	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್/ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ
01	ರೇವಣಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಜಂಗಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಮುತ್ತಪ್ಪ, ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಜಂಗಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಮುತ್ತಪ್ಪ. ಸಾ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ, ತಾ. ಜಮಖಂಡಿ.	ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ	87/2 ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 0.25 ಎಕರೆ
02	ಸದಾಶಿವ ಜಂಗಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಶಿವನಪ್ಪ. ಸಾ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ, ತಾ. ಜಮಖಂಡಿ.	ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ	87/8ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 0.24 ಎಕರೆ
03	ಶೇಖರ ಜಂಗಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಶಿವನಪ್ಪ. ಸಾ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ, ತಾ. ಜಮಖಂಡಿ.	ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ	87/6 ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 0.25 ಎಕರೆ
04	ಬಸಪ್ಪ ಜಂಗಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಶಿವನಪ್ಪ. ಸಾ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ, ತಾ. ಜಮಖಂಡಿ.	ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ	87/7 ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 0.25 ಎಕರೆ
05	ಶೇಖರ ಜಂಗಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ರೇವನೆಪ್ಪ. ಸಾ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ, ತಾ. ಜಮಖಂಡಿ.	ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ	88/12 ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 1.05 ಎಕರೆ
06	ಕಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಪರಮಗೊಂಡ ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ಪರಮಗೊಂಡ ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ. ಸಾ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ, ತಾ. ಜಮಖಂಡಿ.	ಚಿಕ್ಕಪಡಸಲಗಿ	64/3 ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 3.10 ಎಕರೆ

ಸಹಿ/– ರಮೇಶ ಜೆ. ಚವ್ಹಾಣ,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು,
ಡಾ.ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಅಂ.ಅ.ನಿ.ನಿ., ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ/11/ಮನೆಪಾಲ್/2026–27

Government of India
Department of Space
ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)
Mahendragiri P.O., Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu– 627 133, India

CORRIGENDUM Dated : 21.04.2026

In continuation to the e-NIT notifications published, the sale period for the below-mentioned works is extended up to 02-05-2026.

1. Providing cold air feeding unit in Engine Bay of SIET at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (AC Work) (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-177/MI/AC-05/2025-26, Dated:19-02-2026) (Estimated cost: ₹ 14.56 Lakhs)
2. Mechanical works for, a) Replacement of Long travel (LT) motors along with Gear box in TCT, b) Providing radio frequency remotes for existing cranes in SIET & TCT facilities, at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-188/MI/M-01/2025-26, Dated:26-03-2026) (Estimated cost: ₹ 15.45Lakhs)

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html and tender free view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro

Group Head, CMG

कार्यालय अधिशाषी अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, जिलाखण्ड द्वितीय, उदयपुर
सा.नि.वि. परिसर, गुलाब बाग रोड़, उदयपुर - 313001 (राज.)
Mail : eedn2pwdudaipur@gmail.com xendd2udaipur.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in
क्रमांक 89 **संशोधन पत्र - 01** दिनांक 17.04.2026
निविदा सूचना संख्या 01/2026-27

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक अअ. / टी.एस / 2025-26 / डी-17 दिनांक 02.04.2026 से जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 01/2065-27 की गई थी जिसको एसपीपी पोर्टल NIB No. : PWD2627A0027 से प्रकाशित हुई है, की तिथियों में निम्नानुसार संशोधन जारी किया जाता है जो वेबसाईट "www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in" एवं "www.sppp.raj.nic.in" पर देखा जा सकता है।

विवरण	पूर्व प्रकाशित तिथियाँ	संशोधित तिथियां
ऑन लाईन निविदा फार्म मिलने की तारीख	दिनांक 08.04.2026 प्रातः 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 17.04.2026 अपरान्ह 3.00 बजे तक	दिनांक 08.04.2026 प्रातः 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 24.04.2026 अपरान्ह 3.00 बजे तक
ऑन लाईन निविदा फार्म जमा कराने की तारीख	दिनांक 08.04.2026 प्रातः 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 17.04.2026 अपरान्ह 3.00 बजे तक	दिनांक 08.04.2026 प्रातः 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 24.04.2026 अपरान्ह 3.00 बजे तक
ऑन लाईन निविदा खोलने की तारीख	दिनांक 17.04.2026 अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे	दिनांक 24.04.2026 अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे

निविदा की शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेगी।
NIT RO No: 6541
DIPR/C/7189/2026

(अनिल खिंची)
अधिशाषी अभियन्ता, सा.नि.वि. जिलाखण्ड-II, उदयपुर

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) | **Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Noor Pasha, S/o. Mahamad Khalil, 2) Mrs. Ayisha Banu, W/o. Noor Pasha	Loan Account No. 47050430001909 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of Property No. 152900203601820045/146/231/1231/162/2, measuring East to West 6.10 meters, and North to South 8.8 meters, situated at Masidi Beedi, Hunasanahalli Village, Hunasanahalli Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagar District-62119 and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belongs to Fukur, **West by:** 7 feet Sompu & Pathway, **North by:** House belongs to Hafis Sab, **South by:** Goverment Road.	Date of NPA: 03-04-2026 Demand Notice Date: 17.04.2026	Rs.5,18,868.45 (Rupees Five Lakh Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Eight and Forty Five Paisa Only) due as on 13-04-2026
2	1) Mr. Yellappa, S/o. Goovappa, 2) Mr. Kavya, W/o. Yellappa	Loan Account No. 46459630001364 46459410000660 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.176/1, situated at Shivanapura Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, presently comes under the limits of Shivanapura Gram Panchayat and **Bounded by the: East by:** Mariyappa House, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Own Site, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West: 22 feet and North to South: 46 feet.	Date of NPA: 03-04-2026 Demand Notice Date: 16-04-2026	Rs.8,84,887.87 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eight Seven and Eight Seven Paisa Only) as on 15-04-2026

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 22.04.2026, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

Government of Karnataka
Command Area Development Authority
Cauvery Basin Project-Mysuru
Phone Number: 0821-2414090

O/o Executive Enngineer,
No.02 Division, CADA, CBP
Vijayanagara 1st Stage
Mysuru-17
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Short-Term Tender Notification No: 01/2026-27 Dated: 21.04.2026 (Call-3)
(Through KPPP Portal only)

On behalf of the Administrator, CADA, CBP, Mysore, The Executive Engineer, CADA No.2 Division, CBP, Mysuru has invited tender in Electronic Tender Document system for 02 Atchkat Road works in Chamarajanagara District as per Standard Tender Document KW-4 from eligible tenderers through KPPP Portal. Interested bidders may access bidding documents from **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during working hours. The tenderers can download the tender documents from 22.04.2026. The last date for Tender Queries and Clarifications (Through KPPP-Portal) is 27.04.2026 upto 4:00 PM. The last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid is 29.04.2026 upto 4:00 PM. Date of opening of Technical Bid is 30.04.2026 after 4:30 PM. onwards and Financial Bid will be opened after obtaining approval of Technical Bid from competent Authority. For more Condition & details Visit the website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Note: If there are any corrections/ modifications, it will be published only through KPPP Portal

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
No.02 Division CADA, CBP, Mysuru

NO: DIPR:CHANAGAR: 56:2026-27

ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಎಸ್. ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ–561 203
ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 080–29562046
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DPA/TP/CLU/101/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.04.2026

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಕಲಂ 14 (ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು (RTC ರನ್ವಯ)	ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು	ಹೋಬಳಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ	ಸ.ನಂ	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ–ಗು)	ಬಿಐಎಎಪಿಎ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ	ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ
1.	ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ	ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಕಸಬಾ	ಲಿಂಗನಹಳ್ಳಿ	90/5	2–14	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ

ಷರಾ:– ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಕಾನೂನುಬದ್ಧವಾದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳು ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ನಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಕೂಲಿಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ದೊರಕುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಿಂದ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲಿನ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಯೋಜನಾಬದ್ಧವಾದ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ರಚನೆಯಿಂದ ಉತ್ತಮ ರಸ್ತೆ, ನಾಗರಿಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಜಾಗಗಳು, ಉದ್ಯಾನವನಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕೆ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು,
ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Office of The Asst Regional Transport Officer, Devanahalli, Bangalore (R) Dist.-562110

No. A.R.T.O/DH/Auction/2026-27 Date: 17/04/2026

TENDER CUM OPEN PUBLIC AUCTION

It is here by informed to the public that the motor vehicles mentioned below were seized by the inspection personnel for non payment of road tax and other reasons and have been kept in the office premises for safe custody, Drivers or owners of the vehicles or hypothecators(HPA) have not got released for a long period, It is inevitable that the below mentioned vehicles form Sl. No. 01 to 04 are being auctioned in public as per Karnataka Motor Vehicles Taxation Act section- 11(A) and the amount credited to the Government in lieu of tax arrears and penalty. Hence this Notice is issued for public auction of vehicles.

Place of Auction: Office of The Asst. Regional Transport Office, Devanahalli Premises, Date: 20-05-2026, Time 11.00 A.M.

Sl. No.	Vehicle No.	Vehicle Class	Place of Parking	Fine & Tax Arrears	Remarks
1.	KA05A8280	Maxi Cab	A.R.T.O Devanahalli Office Premises	1,75,348.00	Scrap
2.	KA43 1998	PSV	A.R.T.O Devanahalli Office Premises	12,81,539.00	Scrap
3.	KA20C5704	A/R	A.R.T.O Devanahalli Office Premises	6,700.00	Scrap
4.	KA03N8727	LMV	A.R.T.O Devanahalli Office Premises	12,500.00	Scrap

Terms and Conditions of Auction:- **(1)** Those interested in participating in the open auction commencing at **11.00 AM on 20-05-2026** should register their names between **3.00 PM to 5.30 PM on 19-05-2026** by submitting a DD for Rs.10,000/- separately as advance E.M.D to **Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Devanahalli** and can participate in the auction after registering the name and other details like GST/Adhar/Photo ID. Those who wish to participate in the Tender bid to submit a sealed envelope for each vehicle with details of bid along with a DD of more than 25% of bid amount in the form of DD drawn in favour of ARTO Devanahalli from **18-05-2026** to till commencement of the auction. **(2)** All the vehicles kept in office premises. **(3)** The vehicles shown in the above table can be inspected during office hours at the places mentioned. **(4)** Successful bidders will have to pay 50% of the auction amount on the spot and pay the balance within 07 days from the date of auction and pay GST to their TIN number and take possession of the vehicle at their own cost. **(5)** Bidders will have to pay the document fees, taxes etc. of the vehicle purchased. **(6)** Bidders will have to pay the G.S.T and any other taxes, fees as per rules based on the purchase value of the vehicle. **(7)** E.M.D amount will be received only in the form of DD from any nationalized bank. **(8)** The vehicles which are being disposed will be auctioned on as it is, where it is, in the existing mechanical condition. **(9)** Bidders of vehicles which have not been registered/ transferred will have to pay the bid amount and later pay the taxes, cess, penalty as per the original invoice along with the auction bid amount and get have vehicle registered/ transferred. **(10)** Bidders should compulsorily provide their photo ID, mobile number and address proof. **(11)** During the auction process if the vehicle owner or hypothecator pay the tax & penalty such vehicles will be removed from the auction. **(12)** Asst. Regional Transport Officer, Devanahalli, Bangalore (Rural) Dist-562110 has the authority to take decision to reject/ cancel/ postpone/accept any questions in the auction. **For further information in this regard, officers can be contacted during office hours, Phone No. 080-25264043, 9449864043.**

Sd/- Asst. Regional Transport Officer, Devanahalli , Bangalore (RD)

DIPR/CP/SPAN/247/2026-27

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank — DEMAND NOTICE

सिंडिकेट Syndicate

Branch: Asset Recovery Management Branch - Coimbatore
Gujarati Samaj Building, 661-1, Mettupalayam Road, R S Puram, Coimbatore- 641002

Tel.No. 0422 2555655, 2549459, 2558482 E-mail: cb4712@canarabank.com

To, **1. Mr.Rajesh. K,** S/o.M. Karunanithi, 102, BM Splendor Park, Borewell Road, Victorian View Layout, White Field, Banglore, Karnataka - 560 066. **2. Mr.Rajesh. K,** S/o.M. Karunanithi, No.57, Theepanjeeamman Nagar, Mittanamallee IAF, Avadi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600 055. **3. Mrs.Padmini Priyadharshini,** W/o.Rajesh. K, 102, BM Splendor Park, Borewell Road, Victorian View Layout, White Field, Banglore, Karnataka - 560 066. **4. Mrs.Padmini Priyadharshini,** W/o.Rajesh. K, 1/29A, Vadamalapuram Post, North Street, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu - 626 130.

Dear Sir,

Sub : Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Mrs.Padmini Priyadharshini, W/o.Rajesh. K and **Mr.K. Rajesh,** S/o.M.Karunanithi **(Borrowers)** has availed following loans / credit facilities from our **Canara Bank, Coonoor Branch** from time to time.

S. No.	Limit - Fund Based	Loan amount	Liability as on **31.03.2026**	Rate of Interest (p.a)
1	Housing Loan - 1247619009198	Rs.30,00,000/-	Rs.29,89,469.25	8.90%* per annum
2	Home Loan Plus - 1247629000002	Rs.15,00,000/-	Rs.8,95,604.40	11.50%* per annum

*Exclusive of Penal Interest.

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as NPA for **Home Loan Plus on 23.11.2025 and Housing Loan on 04.12.2025.** Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of **Rs.38,85,073.65 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Seventy Three and Paise Sixty Five only),** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The demand notice had also been issued to you by Registered Post Ack due to your last known address available in the Branch record.

SCHEDULE - B (DETAILS OF SECURITY ASSETS)

Immovable Asset : Name of Title Holder : Mr.K. Rajesh and Mrs.Padmini Priyadharshini : Registration District : The Nilgiris, Registration Sub District : Coonoor, Village : Adigaratty - II, Old Survey Number : 774/7B & 1443/1, R.S.Number : 1385/2 Part, Patta Number : 777, Extent : 0.28 Acre of land along with building and all other appurtenances attached thereto. **Boundaries :** North : Property belonging to Mr.Kumar remaining land belonging to the vendor herein in Survey No.1385/2, South : Property belonging to Mr.Bharath, East : Property belonging to Mr.Kumar & Mr.Bharath, West : Land in Survey No.1385/1 of Adigaratty Village.

Date : 15.04.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Coimbatore **Canara Bank**

Med negligence victim was sole breadwinner

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THE decision to discharge a patient depends on his stability. "Once the infection is controlled and parameters are stable, patients may be treated on an outpatient basis with regular dressings until they are fit for the next stage of surgery," Dr Deepak said.

On **Shahnawaz's** death, Dr Deepak said, "We are yet to ascertain whether the cause was bleeding or infection. That will be clear only after the inquiry. The committee has been asked to submit its report by April 28 or 29. If there is any compromise in patient care, necessary action will be taken as per rules and law."

Wife seeks help

Sharly is now struggling to support her four young children after the death of her husband, Shahnawaz, who was the sole breadwinner. The family includes a four-month-old baby boy who has not yet received his birth certificate, a two-year-old son, a four-year-old daughter, and a six-year-old child, who is the only one currently attending school. With no steady income and mounting responsibilities, Sharly is facing severe financial hardship while trying to care for her children, and has appealed for financial help, sharing her numbers 8147559352 (Shahnawaz C V) and 7019800402 (Sharly).

PANEL JUSTIFIES BEVERAGE TAX BY ALCOHOL CONTENT

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE Resource Mobilisation Committee (RMC), constituted by the state government to examine the state's alcohol excise taxation structure, on Wednesday submitted its report to the finance department.

The report states that Karnataka's current excise framework taxes alcohol based on price and product category rather than on alcohol content. About 11% of the state's population consumes alcohol – below the national average.

"Yet Karnataka is one of the five southern states that together accounts for roughly 45% of all alcohol sold in the country. Fewer people drink, but those who do, drink more. This pattern of high-intensity consumption among a smaller base of drinkers is precisely the configuration that generates the most harm, because the relationship between alcohol intake and damage is not linear: the risk of accidents, violence, liver disease, and dependence rises steeply with the quantity consumed per occasion," the RMC report states.

The Committee underscored the need for excise tax reform from volume- or brand-based to alcohol content in beverage and said, "Excise taxation is the most effective policy instrument available to Karnataka for reducing alcohol-related harm. Prohibition over-corrects and generates illicit markets. Information campaigns cannot address self-control failures. Enforcement is necessary but insufficient as a primary instrument. Taxation works through the price mechanism, addressing both externalities and internalities without requiring individualised detection. It is administratively feasible, scalable, and – as the evidence on price elasticities confirms – effective at changing behaviour. The tax must be based on alcohol content – not on price, brand, or product category. A person's liver, brain, and reflexes respond to the quantity of alcohol consumed, not to the price paid for it," the report said.

"A tax system that charges different rates based on price or category... creates perverse outcome: it under-taxes high-strength, low-price products (where harm per rupee is highest) and over-taxes premium products (where harm per rupee is lower). This is the opposite of what corrective taxation should do. It also creates an incentive for consumers to substitute toward cheaper, higher-strength products - precisely the pattern most associated with harmful drinking," it said.

It has been placed on the official website of the finance department. karnataka.gov.in for wider consultation. "All interested stakeholders including industry participants, public health experts, academic institutions, civil society organizations, and citizens are invited to review the report and submit comments to spobud-fd@karnataka.gov.in on or before 5.30 pm, May 22, 2026," the RMC said.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrowers to repay the amounts mentioned against their respective name together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of publication of the said Notice, along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

SL. No	Borrower Name / Co-Borrower Name / Guarantor Name / Selling Bank / Loan Account No / Trust Name	Date of 13(2) Notice & Amount (in Rs.)	Date & Type of Possession
1	**PR00971357** **Small Business Fin Credit India Pvt Ltd** **Sri Patalamma Centring Works / N Srinivas / N Jaya Lakshmi / Munishamappa Narayanappa** **Arcil - 2025C - 010 - Trust**	**Notice Dt: 11.08.2025** **Rs 27,02,381/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Two Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty One Only) as on 30.06.2025**	**21st April 2026 & Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.3,Katha NO.1219 in Sy No.267/1, 267/7, 267/1A, 268/2,converted vide Official Memorandum dated: 06.02.1989 bearing No. BDIS.ALN.SR(N) 86/1988-89 ISSUED BY Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Hesaragatta Village Panchayath, Dhakale No.1219, situated at Hesaragatta Hobli, Banglore North Taluk, measuring : East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet and **bounded on the East:** Land belongs to Simkempaiah, **West:** Road, **North:** Site No.2, **South:** Site No.4.		
2	**Pr00876167** **Small Business Fin Credit India Pvt Ltd** **Venkateswara Flower Decoration / Nagesh H.T / Tulasi** **Arcil – 2025C - 010 - Trust**	**Notice Dt: 11.08.2025** **Rs 1906271/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Six Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy One Only) as on 30.06.2025**	**21st April 2026 & Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of the Property No. 663/1, Katha No.663/1, PID No.150200203000222311, measuring East to West: 17.0688 mtrs North to South: 10.972 mtrs total measuring: 155.33 sq mtrs situated at Hesaraghatta Village, Hesaraghatta Gram Panchayath, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560088 and **bounded on the East:** Property belongs to Linganna and Munidoddaiah, **West:** Property belongs to Munithimmaigh, **North :** Road, **South:** Road.		

The borrowers mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and to the public in general that the Authorized Officer of ARCIL has taken Physical Possession of the properties / Secured Assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties / Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties / Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of ARCIL and interest thereon. The Borrers / Mortgagors / Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/-
Place : Bengaluru **Authorized Officer**
Date : 23.04.2026 **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited**

Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.,
CIN - U65999MH2002PLC134884, Website : www.arcil.co.in
Registered Office : The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai – 400 028. Tel: +91 2266581300
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Bad weather delays landing of another flight in Hubballi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hubballi

ANOTHER mid-air scare was reported as a Fly91 flight hovered over the Hubballi sky on Tuesday evening for over an hour. The Bengaluru-Hubballi flight's landing was delayed due to bad weather.

This is the second such incident in three days.

The Fly91 flight was supposed to arrive at Hubballi at 8.15 pm, but it failed due to heavy rain accompanied by gusty wind and hailstorm. So it remained in the air for over an hour. According to authorities at the Hubballi Airport, the flight was in the air for around one hour before it could land safely at 9.40 pm.

A similar incident happened on Sunday, too. A flight of the same operator, which had left Hyderabad for Hubballi, was in the air for around four hours and created a scare among the passengers. Because of prolonged extreme weather conditions, the flight could not make a safe landing, and hence, it was diverted to Bengaluru airport.

Authorities said that in both incidents, the passengers were safe.

EXPRESS READ

Lokayukta arrests two cops for accepting bribe

BAGALKOT: Lokayukta officials trapped a police sub-inspector and a constable attached to Kerur police station in Bagalkot while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 1.7 lakh on Wednesday. Sources said Muttappa of Belaganti village in Kerur had lodged a complaint with the Lokayukta police, alleging harassment by police personnel. He stated that on April 17, his friend Shankrappa Neelappa Budihal took him to Kerur Police Station on his motorcycle. He alleged that police detained him at the station, accused him of gambling and money lending activities, threatened to file a case against him, and demanded a bribe of Rs 1.7 lakh. He said on the night of April 18, he was released from the station, asking to leave his motorcycle there and still demanding the bribe. Lokayukta police registered a case and laid a trap on April 22. During the operation, SI Bhimappa Rabakavi and constable Santosh Biradar were caught red-handed while allegedly accepting the bribe amount of Rs 1.7 lakh, stated a press release. **ENS**

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No.RIMS/SUP/TEND/2026-27 Dated:21.04.2026

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Supply of Various HNS Items to RIMS Teaching Hospital & RGSSH (Opec) Hospital & Dialysis Reagents & Other Items, Central Lab Chemicals, Reagents and Surgicals & Miscellaneous Items to Rajiv Gandhi Superspeciality (OPEC) Hospital RIMS, Raichur under two cover bid system through KPPP Portal of Government of Karnataka.

Sl. No	Particulars	Tender No	Estimated Cost(In Lakhs)
1	Supply of Various Dialysis Reagents & Other Items to RGSSH(OPEC), RIMS, Raichur	RIMS/SUP(RGSSH)/TEND/ DIA-CHEM/159/2026-27 (DME/2026-27/IND2253)	99.34
2	Supply of Various Chemicals, Reagents & Other Items to RGSSH (OPEC), RIMS,Raichur	RIMS/SUP(RGSSH)//TEND/ CHEM/160/2026-27 (DME/ 2026-27/IND2257)	91.64
3	Supply of Various Surgicals & Miscellaneous Items to RGSSH(OPEC), RIMS, Raichur	RIMS/SUP(RGSSH)//TEND/ SUR/161/ 2026-27(DME/ 2026-27/IND2262)	86.42
4	Supply of Various HNS Items to RIMS Teaching Hospital, Raichur	RIMS/SUP//TEND/HNS/01/ 2026-27/CALL-2 (DME/2026-27/IND2177)	83.00

1) Tender document may be downloaded from KPPP Portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from 22.04.2026, 2) Last Date for Queries on or before 29.04.2026 @ 05.00 PM, 3) Tender must be submitted online through KPPP Portal on or before 06.05.2026 upto 5.00 PM & 4)Technical bid will be opened on 08.05.2026 at 11.30 A.M.

ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿ : 1) ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರು ಯಾವುದೆ ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ / ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸುವ/ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. 2) ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ಯಾವುದೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸುಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೊರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

Further information may be obtained from above office and from www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Director
Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences
Raichur

DIP/RCR/32/KSMC&A/34/2025-26

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tender No.	Tender Description:	Estimated Cost
SLDC-01/2026-27	Bids invited from reputed manufactures in two part bidding system for Procurement of 2 nos. of Servers and 1 no. of 10TB storage for SLDC, OPTCL **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 06.05.2026 upto 15:00 Hrs.**	**Rs. 1,05,84,883/-** (Including GST)

Complete set of bidding documents are available at **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** and **www.sldcorissa.org.in**.

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30.05.2026 (10.00 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of Rs. 98,05,182.56 (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty Two and Paise Fifty Six Only) as on 21.04.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Mr Naresh M** S/o Mathaiah, **(2) Mrs Nagalakshmi** W/o Naresh M, **Both Are Residing At :** No.22,1st Cross, Shastri Nagar Seshadripurum, Bangalore-560020. **(3) Mr Naresh M,** Arhant Msr Neepa Ward No.187,site No.34 & 41,4th Cross, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **29.05.2026 - 5.00 pm.** **(₹.In Lakhs)**

Lot	Description of Immovable Properties (Name of owner/mortgagor to be mentioned)	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	All that Piece and parcel of immovable residential 2 BHK Flat, bearing No.SF-1, in the 2nd Floor of the Residential Apartment known as "ARHANT MSR NEEPA" having super built up area 1400 Sq Ft along with 240 Sq Ft of undivided share,right,title and interest in the land situated at 4thCross, J P Nagar 7TH Phase, Bangalore-560078 and bounded on the: East by : Property No. Site No.-41&42, West by: Road, North by :-Site No.33, South by : Site No.36. **Lat.12.897089, Long.77.585181,** 68, 3rd Cross, Rose Garden Rd, Near Big Market, Ramaiah Garden, J P Nagar.	₹. 50.00	₹. 5.00	₹. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, (Ph. No. 9439058121 and 9483544116) during office hours on any working day.

Date : 22.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

BEFORE THE HON'BLE PRL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU
M.C. NO. 302/2026

Between : Smt. Kruthika. S ...Petitioner
AND : Sri. Yashas. M ...Respondent

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To : Sri. YASHAS. M., S/o. Mukunda.K.N., Aged about 27 Years, R/at No.15, 31/3, 2nd-A Cross,Vaderahalli Village, Muneshwara Layout, Bengaluru -560097.

WHEREAS the petitioner in the above petition has filed the above petition for dissolution of the marriage and the petition filed U/S. 13 (1) (i-a) of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

You are hereby summoned to appear in person before this Hon'ble Principal Judge, Family Court, at Bengaluru.

Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day of **17th JUNE 2026,** the petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on 2nd APRIL 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Sheristedar
Family Court, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER
SMT. ANUSHREE MENON Advocate,
Office at Skanda, No : 35, 19th Cross, Bagalgunte, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru -560073.
Mob : 7676017070 Mob : 7338159808

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the schedule property from its owner Smt. Parvathamma. The owner represents that she purchased the same from Sri. Anthonyswamy and others, vide registered Sale Deed dated 10-10-2014 bearing document no.BNS-1-11217-2014-15, CD.No.BNSD332.

If any person/s or financial institutions have any objections claims, right, title, interest over the schedule property, may file their objections with the undersigned along with documentary proof within **FIFTEEN (15) DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, he will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereafter.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of a 3 Bedroom residential flat bearing **No.D103, e-PID No.8195957055,** situated at **First Floor, D Block** in the residential apartment building named **"NR ORCHID GARDENIA"** with a super built up area of **2,600 square feet,** undivided share of **897.49 sq ft** of land in schedule A Property, with **Two covered car parking space in the Basement floor,** along with common amenities/ facilities in the apartment situated at Rachenahalli, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore.

Smt. Renuka R Desai, Mr. Rohit Desai,
Advocates, **Manu Law Chambers,**
No.948/1, 2nd Main Road, Rajajinagar
4th Block Entrance, Bengaluru 560 010.
Place: Bengaluru, Date : 23.04.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that our client Mr.Syed Abdul Aleem is intending to purchase and mortgage the schedule property with Piramal Finance Limited.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Vacant Site No.6, Assessment No.6, formed out of Sy.No. 9/3/6, Old Khatha No.9/3, Property No.5384/ 9/3/6,E-PID No.1263262666,Situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring 35ft x 30ft, and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Private Property, South by: Site No.5

V.L. Associates
Advocates
No.56, Out house, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851/ 9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 22.04.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM GENERAL PUBLIC THAT MY CLIENT **Sri. Prashanth Kumar S S/o Sri. Shivakumar,** RESIDING AT No.1847, 4th Cross, 1st D Main, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10, INTENDS TO PURCHASE the Property bearing Site No.29/A, Present E-PID No.1626240629, BBMP Katha No.17, Situated at Sakamma Layout, 31st Main Road, 5th Block, Nandini Layout, Present BBMP Ward No.43, Old No.12, in Assessment No.236/1, Laggere Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Measuring East to West 30-0 feet and North to South 25-0 feet. in all total 750 Square feet and along with RCC roofing 700 Square feet of Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor, Third Floor in all total 2450 Square feet and bounded on the : East by : Site No.29/B, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Private Property, FROM **SMT. PUSHPA S.**

IF ANY PERSON/S, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS / LICENCED MONEY LENDERS, BANKS, CORPORATIONS, SUPPLIERS, CREDITORS, ANY SUITS, ANY STAKE HOLDERS, ETC HAVING ANY INTEREST, OBJECTIONS, CLAIMS, RIGHTS OR INTEREST OF WHATSOEVER MANNER IN THE ABOVE SAID PROPERTY. THE SAME MAY BE LODGED / APPEAR BEFORE ME WITH THE UNDERSIGNED WITH IN **7 DAYS** ALONG WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENT/S AS EVIDENCE. IF NO OBJECTIONS OR CLAIMS ARE LODGED WITH THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN THE SAID PERIOD, MY CLIENT WILL PROCEED THE PURCHASE OF THE ABOVE FLAT TREATING THAT THERE IS /ARE NO CLAIMS & NO CLAIMS SHALL BE ENTERTAINED LATER NOR SUCH CLAIMS WILL BE BINDING ON THE FLAT OF MY CLIENT.

PRASHANTH KUMAR S
Mobile : 7483946066
B.Y. GIRISH, Advocate
Mobile : 9448841116
DATE : 22/04/2026 PLACE : BANGALORE

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Bus services across Telangana were severely disrupted on Wednesday, the first day of the indefinite strike by Telangana State Road Transport Corporation employees, leaving lakhs of commuters stranded and bringing operations close to a halt in both urban and rural areas

IN TN, IT'S THREE-WAY FIGHT AND AN X-FACTOR IN PLAY

Officials make arrangements inside a specially-designated pink polling booth in Chennai on Wednesday | P RAVIKUMAR

A police woman keeps vigil on polling material on the eve of voting in Chennai on Wednesday | PTI

PRABHAKAR TAMILARASU @ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu's 5.67 crore voters will march to the polling stations on Thursday to decide the fate of 234 Assembly constituencies. What emerged over the weeks-long campaigning is a tight three-cornered contest, vastly different from the usual tradition of a two-horse race. Along with the familiar weight of two alliances led by DMK and AIADMK, the new entrant Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam has clearly made it one of the most layered elections that the State has never seen.

At the centre of the contest remains the Secular Progressive Alliance (SPA) led by the ruling DMK. Its president and TN CM MK Stalin has framed the election as a fight between Delhi and Tamil Nadu. However, it was the AIADMK-led NDA that first began the election work a year ago. Soon after joining hands with BJP, the new-look AIADMK pitched for a double-engine government in the state.

While seat-sharing was almost smooth in the NDA, there was a long delay in the SPA. The SPA expanded with the entry of new partners such as DMDK led by Premalatha Vijayakanth, a sign that the DMK was trying to cover all its bases.

While there were differences between the cadres of alliance parties, Stalin stepped in to iron out the friction. It was towards the end of the campaign that Stalin found an unexpected opening when the delimitation controversy broke. By articulating concerns that population-based delimitation could penalise southern states like TN, he tapped into a deeper and long-standing anxiety over federal imbalance, positioning himself not just as a state leader but as a voice in the national debate on federalism.

Although the SPA framed the election as a referendum on governance and welfare schemes, it also stressed on federal rights. It announced the Illatharasi scheme, offering a one-time coupon of ₹8,000 for women heads of the household, in response to the AIADMK promise of a free refrigerator along with other subsidies.

The AIADMK led by Edappadi K Palaniswami attempted a political resurgence while redefining itself after organisational and alliance shifts. The party's biggest pre-election move was patching up with the BJP. AIADMK's strategy to release its poll manifesto in parts received attention. However, distasteful comments by party leaders dented the campaign and had a cascading effect on women voters. EPS campaigned across the state, seeking to reaffirm AIADMK's credentials to form a government and "save" the state.

The election story would be incomplete without Vijay and his TVK, which overshadowed the original 'change-agent' Seeman's NTK. His political entry generated enthusiasm, especially among youth and sections of the urban electorate, positioning TVK as an alternative to Dravidian dominance. The Karur stampede last year was a huge setback and cast a long shadow on Vijay's immediate political future. Nevertheless, he bounced back, moving from indoor meetings to roadshows and street campaigns. He occasionally withdrew from multiple campaign events even after permissions had been granted by the Election Commission, drawing mockery from rival parties who branded it a "work-from-home" campaign.

Yet, when the votes are counted, it may well be Vijay who has the last word. Untested and unproven as a political force, TVK remains the biggest X factor of this election, with neither the DMK nor the AIADMK certain about whose vote share he will eat into more. In a contest where margins could be wafer-thin across dozens of constituencies, the direction of Vijay's vote swing may ultimately determine not just TVK's fate, but the winning prospects of the Dravidian giants.

PAINTED DOVES IN TVK RALLY SPARK ROW

CHENNAI: A flutter of wings meant to symbolise peace, freedom and hope has instead stirred unease in Tamil Nadu's charged election season after visuals from actor-politician Vijay's campaign in Tiruchy showed doves being painted in party colours before being released into the air. Videos that have circulated widely over the past two days show TVK cadres handling white doves and colouring their feathers in red and yellow shades resembling the party flag. In one clip, a cadre is seen holding a bird while its wings, tail feathers and body are dyed. In another, Vijay is seen releasing one of the birds during a roadshow-style campaign event. The incident has triggered outrage among animal welfare activists. ENS

ABIDING BY HC ORDER

K'taka gives in, no 'grades' for SSLC 3rd language this yr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Shivamogga

KARNATAKA School Education and Literacy Minister **Madhu Bangarappa** on Wednesday said the government will abide by the the High Court of Karnataka order to not implement the grading system, instead of giving marks, for the SSLC third language paper this year, as the examinations are already over.

The minister told on Wednesday that the High Court has instructed the state government to assign marks for the third language paper this year but did not object to using grades from the next academic year. "We will abide by the court order," he said, adding that he would discuss the matter with the CM to take appropriate steps to protect students' interests.

Justice ES Indiresh passed the order by disposing of a review petition filed by the state government seeking a review of the April 15 judgment delivered on a petition filed by three SSLC students seeking directions to the state to follow the circular dated October 28, 2025. Issued by the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, the circular had detailed directions on the valuation of answer scripts of the examination held from March 18 to April 2.

When asked about students who might have failed in third languages, including Hindi, because they were under the assumption that grades would be given, Bangarappa said justice would be done to those students.

The minister also said he expects SSLC results to improve this year in view of the efforts of teachers, officials, parents and the education department's proactive measures. "Teachers and officials worked extra hard to improve both PUC and SSLC results," he said. The minister highlighted that 77 government colleges in the state achieved 100% pass in the PU examination this year. Last year, 30,000 students failed in all subjects, but that number has improved to 1,777 this year.

SSLC EXAM RESULTS TODAY

BENGALURU: The SSLC exam-1 results will be announced on Thursday afternoon, said the Karnataka State Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) on Wednesday. The results will be available online after Madhu Bangarappa, Minister of School Education and Literacy, addresses a press meet at 12 noon. After a brief meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Wednesday, Bangarappa, said, "We will follow allotting marks system for third language, including Hindi in SSLC exams for this academic year 2025-26. Meanwhile, the grace marks issue will be discussed and announced tomorrow in the press meet." Adhering to the directions given by the Karnataka High Court, the state government has made it clear that the total marks will be 625 instead of 525. Around 8,65,988 students had registered from 15,941 high schools for the SSLC exam-1. This year, the education department has reduced the pass marks for each subject from 35 to 30, and an aggregate of 33 percent, which is 206 out of 625 marks. ENS

₹14 lakh aid for victims' kin, toll goes up to 14 in Thirssur tragedy

GOPIKA VARRIER @Thrissur

THE death toll in Tuesday's blast at a firecracker-manufacturing unit at Mundathicode in Thrissur rose to 14 after one of the five persons critically injured in the explosion succumbed to injuries at the Medical College Hospital (MCH) on Wednesday. Praveen of Pattambi died in the evening. Meanwhile, a joint meeting of the Thiruvambady and Paramekkavu devaswoms decided to cancel the fireworks display and scale down Thrissur Pooram celebrations in the wake of the tragedy.

The government ordered a judicial inquiry by Justice C N Ramachandran Nair into the explosion. The state cabinet that met in Thiruvananthapuram also announced ₹14 lakh in immediate relief to the families of the deceased and recommended declaring the incident a 'special disaster. At present, 12 people are under treatment. Four of them are care. The government said it will bear the treatment expenses of the injured persons for six months.

Police with sniffer dogs inspect the site after a blast at a fireworks unit in Thrissur | EXPRESS

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).
A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Srinath Sivakumar (Deceased)- Through It's Legal Heirs And Lavanya Paulpandian/ Flat No T3 3rd Floor New D No 12/t3, Sea Shore Apartments Kamarajar Salai 200, Thiruvanmiyur Village, 183/174, Chennai- 600041/ TBBNG00006919656 & TBBNG00006919657	Schedule of Property All That Piece And Parcel of Residential Flat Bearing Flat No.t3, Measuring 911 Square Feet In The Third Floor of The Building Kwon As "Sea Shore Apartments", Bearing Old Door No.3/t3, New Door No.12/t3, Jayaram Chetty Street, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai - 600 041, Together With 911/14526 Square Feet Undivided Share of Land In And Out of 7848 Square Feet or Thereabouts, Comprised In S.No.183/174 And Patta No.1071 of Thiruvanmiyur Village, Mylapore- Triplicane Taluk, Chennai District And The Land Bounded on The; North By: Survey No. 183/24 South By: Survey No.183/4 East By : Survey No.183/23 & 183/4 West By: Poramboke Battai And Lying Within The Registration District of South Chennai And Sub Registration District of Joint-1 Sub Registrar of Saidapet.	March 27, 2026 Rs. 38,86,755.38/-	03/08/ 2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: April 23, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(Construction Organisation)
E-Tender Notice No. ERS-SG-CN-2026-OT-02
Double Packet System

For and on behalf of The President of India, **The Dy. Chief Signal & Tele-communication Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway. Ernakulam,** II Floor, Eastern Entry. Ernakulam Junction, Karshaka Road, Kochi-682 012 invites **e-tenders** for the following work.

Item. No.	Name of the work
1.	Provision of indoor and outdoor Signalling and Telecommunication arrangements at Neyyattinkara station for Stage-I & Stage-II works in connection with doubling of Track between Thiruvananthapuram Central & Kanniyakumari stations.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Sl.No.	Approximate Cost of Work (₹)	Bid security (₹)	Last Date of e-submission of Tender/Date of Opening of the Tender	Period of Completion (Months)
1.	24,11,79,681.85	48,23,600/-	12/05/2026 15:00 hrs	8 (Eight) months

Note: 1. Value of tender inclusive of GST as per GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time for the supply and services by the tenderer.
2. Visit **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed terms and conditions and corrigendum if any.

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam-682 016

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.

APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **23.12.2025** calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors **1. RAVIKUMAR R S/O LATE RAJANNA, 2. SUDHA R W/O RAVIKUMAR,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **INR 9,60,637.86/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven and Eighty Six Paise Only)** as on **23.12.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Demand notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub - section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **17th day of APRIL 2026.**
The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of THE IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount of **INR 9,60,637.86/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven and Eighty Six Paise Only)** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub - Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Properties.

All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing No. 61/300 Having Rdpr Unique Code No./property No. And E Katha No. 152900201601300075, According To Form No. 9 And 11a Issued By The Office Of The Rural Development & Panchayath Rai, Doddamaralavadi Grama Panchayathi, Situated At Hanumanthapura Village, Kanakapura Taluk And Ramanagara Dist., Measuring East To West 10.0584 Mtr And North To South 27.432000000000002 Mtr, In Total Measuring 275.92 Sq. Meters And Thereon Building Measuring 139.35 Sq. Meters, The Property Is **Bounded On The On Or Towards The East-**maganna **On Or Towards The West-** Padmamma **On Or Towards The North** Govt. Road **On Or Towards The South-** Suresh Rao

Date : 17-04-2026
Place : KARNATAKA
Loan Account No : 94049321

Sd/- Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

INDIAN RAILWAY CATERING AND TOURISM CORPORATION LTD.

(A Government of India Enterprise - Navratna)
CIN : L74899DL1999GOI101707

Notice Inviting Tender

Open E-Tender No. 2026/IRCTC/Carpentry and Mason works/ Services/ME/01 for interior repair and maintenance works in Maharajas' Express for season 2026-27. Last date for submission of bids: 15.05.2026 upto 15:00 Hrs.

For details visit **www.irctc.com** and **www.tenderwizard.com.** Document downloading and participation can only be done on **www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC.**

Corrigendum/addendum if any, will be published only on **www.irctc.com** and **www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC.**

GGM (Services), IRCTC Ltd., 3rd Floor, Tower-D, World trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited for the following through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
Procurement of the following: (1) KPCL/2026-27/IND2571. Spares for periodic maintenance of BFP Booster Pumps of Model FA-1B-56 of Units 5 to 8. EMD: **Rs. 21,200/-.** (2) KPCL/2026-27/IND2572. Spares for periodic maintenance of BFP Main Pumps of Model FK-6D-30 of Units 5 to 8. EMD: **Rs. 70,700/-.** (3) KPCL/2026-27/IND2573. LED Drivers & Surge Protectors required for LED Fittings repair. EMD: **Rs. 1,800/-.** (4) KPCL/2026-27/IND2578. Clamp Meter & LUX Meter. EMD: **Rs. 1,300/-.** (5) KPCL/2026-27/IND2577. Tiltable Ladders. EMD: **Rs. 2,100/-.** (6) KPCL/2026-27/IND2580. SS Shims, Brass Rods & SS Rods for Turbines & Auxiliaries of Unit 5 to 8. EMD: **Rs. 12,000/-.** (7) KPCL/2025-26/IND2284/CALL-2. Chain Electric Hoists for BM-2 of RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 2,600/-.** (8) KPCL/2025-26/IND2293/CALL-2. Spring Seal Assemblies & Seal Kit for BM-1 of RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 21,800/-.** (9) KPCL/2025-26/IND2383/CALL-2. Mechanical Consumables for BM-1 of RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 1,600/-.** (10) KPCL/2025-26/IND2374/CALL-2. High Pressure Valves for BM-1 of RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 35,000/-.** (11) KPCL/2025-26/IND2229/CALL-3. Pipe Fittings for CAM-1 of RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 1,800/-.** (12) KPCL/2025-26/IND2538/CALL-2. Current Transformers. EMD: **Rs. 46,400/-.** (13) KPCL/2025-26/IND2505/CALL-2. Capsule Type Thyristor. EMD: **Rs. 2,300/-.** (14) KPCL/2025-26/IND2586. House hold items for Guest House of RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 2,500/-.** (15) KPCL/2025-26/IND2465/CALL-2.Weak base anion resin. EMD: **Rs. 35,800/-.** (16) KPCL/2025-26/IND2423/CALL-2. Lab Glasswares & Lab Apparatus EMD: **Rs. 20,800/-.** (17) KPCL/2025-26/IND2057/CALL-4.Paints on Annual Rate Contract Basis for a period of one year. EMD: **Rs. 30,000/-.** Last date for receipt of tenders: **24.04.2026, 16.00 Hrs** for Sl.No. (1) to (3), **04.05.2026, 16.00 Hrs** for Sl.No. (4) to (13) and (15) & (16) and **06.05.2026, 16.00 Hrs** for Sl.No. (14) & **27.04.2026, 16.00 Hrs** for Sl.No. (17). Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (Purchase) RTPS,** KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur. Mob. No.: 9449597966, E-mail: eeprtps@gmail.com.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTIFICATION

KPCL/2026-27/AUCTION139, 16.04.2026. Disposal of various types of scrap materials on "as is where is Basis". Last date to confirm participation in live auction is **02.05.2026.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer(Stores),** RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur, **M: 8277502825.**

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL , HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis on Date of auction, as per the brief particulars given here under.

Name of Borrower/s- MR. SYED AYUB
Loan Account Number : 412000001206

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 3763, in old No. 23, of Karisandra Slum, B.S.K II stage, New Municipal No. 3763, Kaveri Nagar, B.S.K II Stage, Ward No. 56 of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, The Unique "Property ID No." (PID) allotted to this property is No. 56-153-3763. MEASURING: East to West : $\frac{11.46+10.65}{2}$ Mtrs North to South : $\frac{7.62+7.19}{2}$ Mtrs

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Date of Demand Notice	29/10/2025
Amount Demanded	Rs.1,30,09,623.00 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.
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Reserve Price	Rs.1,40,00,000/- (Rupees One crore Forty Lakhs Only)
EMD	Rs.14,00,000/- (Rupees Fourteen lakh only)
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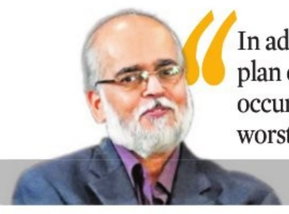
EDITORIAL



"In addition to reducing emissions, we also need to plan on how to adapt to the changes that are already occurring. These will be important to reduce the worst effects of climate change on our communities" — Krishna AchutaRao

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— Ramnath Goenka

ADDRESS TRUST DEFICIT IN MANIPUR URGENTLY TO GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

THE fire engulfing Manipur refuses to die down. A fresh wave of violence in the state has claimed at least five lives since April 7. This includes two children of a Border Security Force jawan, who were killed in their sleep when an explosive device hit their house in Tronglaobi. Three others were killed when CRPF personnel opened fire at a mob that tried to loot the armoury at Gelmol. On April 18, two Tangkhul Naga men, one of them a retired soldier, were killed by suspected militants in Ukhrul. Meanwhile, a three-day shutdown called by the United Naga Council has brought life to a standstill in several hill districts.

BJP Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh, who took oath on February 4 after a year-long President's rule, has not been able to quell the violence that erupted long before he took charge. The situation is so tense that on Tuesday, the CM had to take a helicopter to a new block development office after the police fired at protesters blocking his way through Thoubal district. It is no longer only a conflict between the Meiteis and the Kuki-Zo communities that erupted in May 2023. Tension over land ownership between the Kukis and the Nagas has also boiled over in recent weeks.

Manipur witnessed brutal internal conflicts in 1992, 1993 and 1997 too, which claimed several lives, displaced lakhs of people and pushed the state back by decades. The historical reasons for mistrust among the communities have been deepened by government action such as uneven resource distribution and asymmetrical political representation. The inability of successive governments to address the common man's genuine grievances speaks to a massive governance deficit at both the state and central levels.

Every wave of violence reduces the administration's authority and further weakens people's trust in government and civil society. When pushed to the wall, they often place their trust in armed militias for protection. This dangerous trade-off for survival digs deep into the psyche of the people in this neglected land. The resultant violence slays dreams, too. It robs generations of quality education, employment and a place in the sun. The government must be deeply empathetic while sitting down with all sections of Manipuri society and demonstrably addressing their issues one by one.

LINK UP MORE RENEWABLE CAPACITY FOR EMISSION WIN

CARBON emissions, a principal factor for global warming, witnessed a rare decline in India last year. If emissions had fallen earlier, it was because of exceptional factors like the Covid pandemic. Though the 2025 fall is marginal, it is significant because it was driven by an early and strong monsoon along with a robust expansion of renewable energy generation. The above-normal monsoon reduced the demand for air-conditioning and agricultural pump sets, the two biggest drawers of power from the grid. Coal-based generation declined by 3 percent, adding to the happy story.

India added 50 GW of solar power capacity last year and wind power doubled to 6 GW. Though the increase in capacity is commendable, it is not fully reflected in actual supply. Renewables (including large hydro projects), which today make up over half of India's total installed capacity, contribute only 20-22 percent of the power generated. This is not only because the solar and wind projects are weather-dependent, but a significant portion of the capacity is facing delays in grid connectivity due to transmission infrastructure bottlenecks and lack of power purchase agreements.

Other priorities are also muddying the overall picture. The Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air warns that while India's energy emissions declined, those from industrial sectors such as steel and cement continued to rise sharply at about 7-10 percent in the first half of 2025. And by 2030-32, another 80-100 GW of coal-based power is likely to be added. Significantly, advanced nations who usually lecture developing ones on emissions, fared poorly. For the first time in three decades, emissions in developed economies grew 0.5 percent while they slowed to 0.3 percent in less developed ones.

We must appreciate that India has few options because it imports most of its energy needs—85 percent of its crude oil needs, 90 percent of liquefied petroleum gas and 20 percent of coal. The closure of the Hormuz Strait has played havoc with both prices and supply. Coal, which India has in greater abundance, is a short-term answer to the oil-and-gas shock we are facing. But it plays havoc with carbon emissions, which we are committed to reduce. There is no alternative but to ramp up the renewable capacity faster and put what we already have to better use.

QUICK TAKE

BETWEEN A DIP AND THE LIP

EVEN the ever-inventive Agatha Christie did not see mayonnaise as a murder weapon. But the Tamil Nadu government views the sauce with suspicion because unsafe mayonnaise used in shawarma has sent several people in the state to the hospital; this week, the government extended its ban on the emulsion by a year. The bacterium that makes it hazardous—salmonella—is so common in India that a dedicated research centre for it was established in Kasauli in 1958. Recent outbreaks have been noted in Kerala, Maharashtra and Delhi, mostly because of contaminated poultry products or milk. Food bans are not easy to digest. But Tamil Nadu's move is a timely reminder that we are again in the season when edibles go bad quickly and extra caution is required for street food.

Heat waves reduce productivity and make us irascible. The poor have fewer means to protect themselves. We need to be considerate enough to make our cities more liveable

CARING ENOUGH TO SHIELD ALL IN CRUELLEST MONTHS

HARISH BIJOOR
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SOURAV ROY

NEVER mind where you are in India, there is a heat wave in your life. My workmates in Coonoor have been complaining of a 21°C heat wave that is not allowing them to sleep well at night. Meanwhile, my friends in Srinagar are angry about their 12°C heat wave.

HEAT is the big four-letter word in our lives today. Every city, town and village is getting hotter than it ever was. As many blame global warming to be the prime culprit, we petty human beings are not able to accept the real cause as yet. Let me explore that a bit as my heat-addled mind is getting angrier by the minute. And sorry for calling us petty. It's more I than you.

The heat around us, and most certainly the heated minds and heated bodies it is creating, is the subject at hand. Just as the heat wave starts inching up degree by degree, there is an entire economy that is on the hot move. The skincare industry is out there in the hot sun with you, offering you every solution for skin-defence (a new science on its own), just as the garment industry is offering you summer fashion to beat the sun. The air-conditioner industry is on overdrive celebrating the heat, just as air-coolers are being bought by every other segment that cannot afford an air-conditioner. In the bargain, I am told many brands have a waiting list, just as tedious and long as the LPG queue.

Managing heat waves is a science on its own today. If the best way to avoid the sun is staying indoors, that is not much of an option. Remember, summer is when the 'summer holidays' are on with a vengeance. Every school is off and every parent is under pressure to take a vacation. So you need to be out. Those of us who work have our daily office routines on. Can't avoid that. Those of us who work in the field do not have the luxury of staying away from the sun. Summer is certainly a cruel season for those of us who can't afford to escape to cooler climes.

The heat wave in our midst is not only causing more road rage cases, but it is also bringing down productivity all across. We are able to work less than in the winter months, or for that matter in the months in between the extreme weather patterns.

The sad fact is that minimum temperatures are climbing faster than the maximum that hits our cities and towns. We seem to be tracking the maximum temperature more than what is happening at the level of the minimum. Our days are getting hotter and hotter, and the nights are getting even hotter. In the bargain, there is just no time for the city to cool off. We begin our mornings on a hot note. In more ways than one. Have you noticed?

The global warming baseline is telling. As per data on hand, the world crossed the dangerous +1.5°C threshold in 2024. This means that 2024 was the first year with the global average temperature 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels—making it the warmest year on record. What then is the ambition of 2026? To beat 2024, for sure.

Add to it the measure of the 'dangerous heat' days experienced. The world in 2024 experienced 41 more such days as opposed to the baseline. Look at India. Year 2024 was the hottest since records began in 1901. The annual mean land surface air temperature was 0.65°C above the 1991-2020 average.

Leave the data aside and look at what happens everywhere to all of us. We somehow seem to lose our cool all too easily. Road rage numbers tell the story all too clearly. Public health and productivity drops. Power grids are under extreme stress as we pull that much more energy out of them to stay cool and energetic. Outdoor weddings and events, however late in the evening, are events one wants to avoid. The bad news is the big news, though. Every passing year is going to see this worsen. Every summer is going to be worse than the previous one.

Is it then time that we sit up and look at solutions to help mitigate it all? Isn't it time to stop being the problem and pretending to look like the solution at least?

Is it time that each one of us took a long-term view of heat rather than the fatalistic "here comes summer" kind of an attitude? Must we look at ourselves and audit everything we do? Even the solutions we bring to mitigate the problem seem to instead worsen the problem. Air-conditioners and their use, for instance. Must we abandon the short-termism that clouds our mind? The answer is, of course, a resounding yes.

The big cities need to lead the way. The steel-and-glass buildings in our Gurugrams, Bengalurus and Punes are prime culprits that reflect the sun and leave no breathing space for the earth at large. Our concrete, white-topped roads, pavements and boulevards are the biggest enemies of the cool-way our townships and cities were meant to be.

Even then, we plan with mindsets of cities far cooler than ours. What works in Kyoto, Japan is brought into Adugodi, Bengaluru and implemented without a contextual understanding of ground reality. We are devoted to the cosmetic and totally divorced from the functional reality that must actually rule the roost in such decision-making.

We have built on our lakebeds. Not one city in India can claim to be above this accusation. We have destroyed our water bodies at the altar of development. We have uprooted our trees and removed natural foliage spaces. We have not re-planted enough. We have destroyed everything natural and replaced them with everything unnatural. Even Delhi airport's new waterfall has real water falling on plastic foliage. The cosmetic movement is in full swing.

Compare that to our Bengaluru airport's Terminal 2, which is going in the right reverse direction. Its greening—real, not cosmetic—is possibly a case study to follow for every airport, every city and indeed every corporate space that wants to devote itself to re-creating a climate pattern in which even the poor can survive.

The sad fact remains that those with enough money can escape the heat. Little do they know why all this is happening. And little do they care. Nobody cares. Those with money don't. Those without money don't as well. Do all us lead petty little uncaring lives? Is that the gross big truth? The ugly truth. The sad truth.

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WORDS ARE ALL WE HAVE

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IN this day of divisive discourses and competing realities, the ideas of Ludwig Wittgenstein—the enigmatic iconoclast whose 75th death anniversary will be observed next week—have never seemed more pertinent. The philosopher's unconventional views on language, meaning and truth have had an enormous impact on philosophy. And his ideas—which engaged with topics as diverse as logic, ethics, religion, aesthetics, culture, philosophy of science and political thought—have been frequently misinterpreted, even by those who professed to be his disciples.

I first came across Wittgenstein's *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus* (1921) while scouring through the shelves of the Ambedkar Central Library in Jawaharlal Nehru University during a law school internship break. I struggled to make sense of it. But what struck me was the sheer audacity of the book's attempt to draw the limits of what can be meaningfully said—an ambition Wittgenstein later repudiated as fundamentally misguided.

Much like his writing, the man himself was a puzzle, having published only *Tractatus*, an article on logical form, a book review and a children's dictionary during his lifetime. Curiously, following the completion of *Tractatus*, he became firmly convinced that he had nothing further to contribute to philosophy and chose to distance himself from the field for roughly a decade.

During this time, he worked variously as a primary school teacher, a gardener's helper and a novice architect. Born into a life of wealth and cultural status, his childhood amid the opulence of *fin-de-siècle* Vienna casts an unlikely backdrop to the starkly ascetic philosophy he would pioneer as an adult.

Having developed a passionate interest in mathematical logic while studying engineering at the University of Manchester, Wittgenstein repeatedly sought out philosopher Bertrand Russell at Cambridge to discuss the latter's works. While Russell believed ordinary language was logically deficient, Wittgenstein held that ordinary language was logically in order. But he believed that language disguised thought so that the outward form of the clothing didn't reveal the body beneath.

During this early phase, Wittgenstein focused on the correlation between propositions (statements that people can consider or discuss whether true) and the world, claiming that by explaining the reasoning behind this correlation, he had resolved all philosophical issues on all essential points.

Tractatus is an ambitious attempt to uncover reality through linguistic analysis and suggests that propositions are combinations of words that mirror the structure of the world. Wittgenstein's underlying claim was radical: propositions are logical pictures of facts. It's not just that words are 'combined', but that the logical form of the proposition is identical to that of the fact it depicts. While ordinary propositions are in logical order, the everyday form of language makes it difficult to perceive that structure.

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By contending that a word's significance is contingent upon its context, philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein broke from his own early ideas and posed a challenge to legal textualism. It's important in the era of social media, when misconceptions can spread quickly

When Wittgenstein returned to Cambridge in 1929 after the hiatus, his impact was already significant. Economist John Maynard Keynes wrote to his wife: "Well, god has arrived. I met him on the 5.15 train." This 'new' Wittgenstein, however, seemed to reject some of his first aspirations in *Tractatus* as incorrect. His posthumously published *Philosophical Investigations* (1953) put out a highly unconventional viewpoint that rejected the idea of essentialism.

While the early Wittgenstein was concerned with the same problems as Gottlob Frege and Russell, the later Wittgenstein was difficult to place within existing traditions. Philosophers from the early modern era, especially those of the Cartesian tradition, believed that the 'mental' or 'inner' of a person are characteristics of a substance that is incorporeal. They believed that the defining quality of this substance is its ability to think.

Wittgenstein, on the other hand, believed that the mental is a unique logical category. Thinking, according to him, is not a characteristic of the mind, body or brain, but can be better compared to the manner of running, soundness of digestion, or quickness of breath. It is a characteristic of the human with a unique set of grammatical traits different from physical attributes.

According to him, meaning cannot be directly linked to fundamental objects or essences. *Philosophical Investigations* examined the notion of language games, contending that the significance of a word is contingent upon the context. For example, 'water', when used with an exclamation, may be a command, request, or response to an inquiry.

The acknowledgement of language as a social endeavour closely linked to human activities has laid the foundation for contemporary linguistics, cognitive science and the philosophy of language. The focus on context has far-reaching consequences. In the era of rapid communication, where misconceptions can quickly spread over the internet, Wittgenstein's concepts provide a vital structure for effective communication. They also pose a challenge to legal textualism and originalism, which treat the written letter of the law and the original intent of its framers as sacrosanct determinants of judicial interpretation.

Ultimately, Wittgenstein shattered our lofty dreams of unravelling the profound enigmas of reality through unchanging systems. Instead, he demonstrated a willingness to explore the inherent contradictions and diverse perspectives within language. And with it, he changed the meaning of life itself.

(Views are personal)

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Balanced growth

Ref: *Address huge disparities* (Apr 22). Excessive analysis often leads to paralysis. A practical way to address backwardness is to focus on improving the economic conditions of the marginalised, which can help correct many imbalances. As economic stability improves, social divisions tend to weaken.
K Venkatasubramanian, Chennai

Health access

Ref: *Numbers to drive policy* (Apr 22). Public healthcare centres across India are not only short of specialist doctors but also of paramedical staff, resulting in patients being forced to resort to private hospitals. The government must ensure that everyone has access to convenient and affordable healthcare.
Nabnit Panigrahi, Rayagada

Safety standards

Ref: *TN fireworks hub* (Apr 21). Much to our dismay, there is a gap between policy claims and ground reality. While the promotion of alternative industries is often suggested as a long-term solution, no tangible results are visible. The immediate priority must be strict enforcement of safety regulations.
Manimekalai Venkatraman, Sivaganga

Peace revival

Ref: *Towards an Indian satyagraha* (Apr 22). The article makes a thoughtful case for reviving an Indian approach to peace. In today's polarised world, our peace discourse does appear hesitant and lacking imagination. Reviving satyagraha as a living practice—through education, dialogue and ethical action—could offer a more constructive path forward.
Swathi Senthilkumar, Coimbatore

Narrative trap

Ref: *The OTT nation of gawkers* (Apr 22). In a nation brimming with polarisation, the narratives and current topics are decided by the political strategists. Political bigwigs manipulate agendas on a daily basis to attract public attention. The innocent public have no option but to become victims of such biased trends.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Cracker hazards

Ref: *13 dead in Kerala firecracker unit* (Apr 22). Regular audits of licensing and ensuring safe working conditions shall, to an extent, avert tragedies, but the risks remain. We have come to a situation where it's reasonable to reflect on the hazards that outnumber pleasures.
Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Shivraj Singh Chouhan @ChouhanShivraj
On this occasion of World Earth Day today, this tree-planting activity is dedicated to our life-giving Mother Earth. This is the very Earth that gave us birth.

Sachin Pilot @SachinPilot
The news of a child's death and several children being injured due to a truck colliding with a school bus in Bayatu is extremely heartbreaking and soul-wrenching.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The BJP's unruly elements are now directly attacking the police as well because they know that the arrogant BJP government itself is their protector.

Resolve against terror on Pahalgam anniv

Paying homage to the victims, Modi and Shah affirm India's zero tolerance policy in fight against terrorism | Rahul says nation will never bow to the forces that spread hatred and fear; world joins in condemnation

MUKESH RANJAN AND JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

AS people remember the Pahalgam terror attack victims, leaders affirm India's uncompromising zero tolerance in the fight against terrorism. As the theatre shifts from a heart-wrenching attack to a West Asia war, India remembers its unsuspecting innocent tourists felled by terror bullets and faces the challenge of reminding the world of the scourge.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah asserted that the country will never bow to any form of terror. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Congress president Mallikarjun Khage said that those killed will never be forgotten, while reiterating that India stands united in the fight against terror.

Strong international backing for India's fight against terrorism was on display as the US, European Union, UK, France, Israel and Australia marked the first anniversary of the Pahalgam attack with tributes to victims and renewed condemnation of terrorism.

Twenty-five tourists and a local ponnywala were killed on April 22 last year at Baisaran meadows when terrorists linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba front The Resistance Front (TRF) opened fire, in one of the deadliest attacks on civilians in recent years. India subsequently launched Operation Sindoor, striking terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir.

Students offer prayers to the Pahalgam attack victims in Jammu on Wednesday | PTI

Modi described the terror attack as a tragedy that continues to weigh on the nation's conscience. "Remembering the innocent lives lost in the gruesome Pahalgam terror attack on this day last year. They will never be forgotten. My thoughts are also with the bereaved families as they cope with this loss," he said. "As a nation, we stand united in grief and resolve. India will never bow to any form of terror. The heinous designs of terrorists will never succeed," he added.

Asserting that India would continue its zero-tolerance policy against terror, Shah said, "Terrorism is the greatest enemy of humanity, against which we must stand united to fight and defeat...The grief and pain of losing our people still remain in the heart of every Indian."

Kharge said, "Our thoughts and prayers remain with the bereaved families who lost their loved ones... We also remember our citizens at the border who lost their lives due to cross-border shelling. The spirit of India stands unbroken, resolute and united against every act of terrorism."

Rahul Gandhi said, "The memory of those innocent lives brutally snatched away still shakes our hearts. The martyrdom of those sons of the nation will forever remain etched in the soul of India. The entire nation stood united against terrorism and violence then, stands united now, and will always remain so and India will never bow before the forces that spread hatred and fear."

The US joined the international chorus, with its envoy reaffirming Washington's support for India. "The US stands with the people of India in the fight against terrorism," Ambassador Sergio Gor said, while paying tribute to victims.

The EU reiterated "unwavering support" for India, saying they stand alongside "the people of India in remembrance of the innocent victims murdered one year ago". Australia's High Commissioner to India Philip Green said, "One year on, we join our Indian friends & colleagues to remember the innocent lives lost... Australia stands against terrorism in all its forms."

VOICES

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—**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

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—**Amit Shah, Union Home Minister**

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—**Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha**

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—**Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress president**

Air China restores ops, resumes direct flight between Delhi & Beijing

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

AIR China has announced that it has restored operations between Beijing and Delhi since April 21.

In a Facebook post, Air China said it has resumed nonstop flights between Beijing and Delhi. The Beijing–Delhi flights will operate on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, using Airbus A330-200/300 aircraft.

The post said, "2026 marks the 20th year that Air China has operated in India. Air China's Delhi–Beijing route officially resumed on April 21, with three flights per week operated by Airbus A330-200/300."

It also specified the flight schedule. The plane departs from Beijing at 3:15 pm (local time) and arrives in Delhi at 8:20 pm. The return flight departs Delhi at 10:50 pm and arrives in Beijing the next morning at 7:40 am (local time). "Limited discounts are coming soon," it added. Since April 18, China Eastern Airlines has resumed direct flights between Kunming and Kolkata, operating six days a week. It also plans to launch services between Mumbai and Shanghai, the airline said in an official release.

"The Kunming–Kolkata route holds strategic significance for China Eastern Airlines, facilitating increased trade, tourism, and cultural exchange between the two countries. Passengers flying via Kunming benefit from seamless connections within China to major hubs such as Shanghai, Beijing Daxing, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Yiwu, Xiamen, Shenzhen, and Xi'an," the release said.

Airlines from India have already resumed operations to China. IndiGo launched daily direct flights between Kolkata and Shanghai on March 29 this year. Air India resumed nonstop flights between Delhi and Shanghai (PVG) on February 1, 2026, marking a return to mainland China after a nearly six-year suspension. The service operates four times weekly using a Boeing 787 Dreamliner and aims to strengthen trade and tourism ties.

Notably, IndiGo also resumed its operations between Delhi and Guangzhou from November 10 last year.

Can't frame rules on state's role in religion: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

ON the seventh day of hearings in the Sabarimala review petitions, the Supreme Court on Wednesday said it would be hard to lay down universal or prospective guidelines on when the state can intervene in religious practices in the name of social reform, saying such questions are case-specific.

The nine-judge bench of the apex court was hearing arguments from the petitioners on the point and scope of the State's power under Article 25(2)(b) of the Constitution, which permits legislation for social welfare and reform affecting religious practices.

During the hearing, the court noted that Part III serves as an embargo on Article 25(1) regarding individual devotees' rights. The court added that the State, as a representative of the people's will, may legitimately act to address social evils, but judicial assessment would always remain context-specific.

"So far as social welfare or reforms are concerned, it is a very wide term, and the State is not a stranger or an alien. The State represents the will of the people, and if the people want certain social evils reformed, that power can be exercised. But it is very difficult for us to lay down any future guidance. It will always depend on case to case as to whether the reforms fall under Article 25(2)(b) or, in the name of reforms, it amounts to an infringement of a religious practice," the CJI said.

Justice B. V. Nagarathna asked whether a State law that expressly permits entry of young women into the Sabarimala Temple, in the name of social reform, would amount to an invasion of religious practice or could be sustained as a valid reform measure. "Suppose the Kerala rules had said, in the name of social reforms, that the entry of women between the ages of 10 to 50 to the temple is permitted. Is it an invasion, or could we say it is not an essential practice and therefore upheld? What is the extent of invasion there?" she asked.

Replying to the court's queries, Senior Advocate Gopal Subramanium said that even in such cases, the court would need to undertake a careful inquiry into the nature and basis of the practice before determining whether State intervention qualifies as social reform. He argued that the court must examine whether the exclusion is part of an ancient tradition.

Appearing for the President of VHP Kerala and General Secretary of the Sabarimala Karma Samiti, Senior Advocate Aryama Sundaram contended that while the Constitution seeks to achieve gender equality in areas like employment and social life, this principle does not extend to access to places of worship or the exercise of religious freedom, even under the Directive Principles.

Sundaram further highlighted that temples are fundamentally "a board of the deity," where worship is shaped by the specific form and tradition associated with that deity, and therefore religious practices must be understood within that framework. Mukul Rohatgi, senior lawyer and former Attorney General appearing for one of the petitioners, argued that "my lords have said don't enter a political thicket; rather, I would say don't enter a religious thicket to decide what is essential practice."

He stated that the question also arises whether the rights of a religious denomination under Article 26 are subject to other provisions of Part III, apart from public order, morality, and health.

"Constitutional morality has no place in creating a restriction. The moment you add constitutional morality, you are either expanding or adding another restriction," Rohatgi submitted. The hearing continues on Thursday.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

UP govt told to pay ₹1L cost to employee

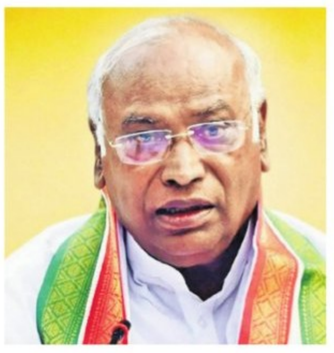
The SC on Wednesday expressed anguish over an employee being made to run from pillar to post since 2011 for a preferred posting in his home state, and directed the UP government to pay ₹1 lakh to him. It directed the state chief secretary to facilitate forthwith the reallocation of the employee to the state of Uttarakhand.

End to battle over TN land transaction

Bringing closure to a legal battle over disputed land transactions, the SC on Wednesday vacated a status-quo order that had left thousands of homebuyers in the lurch at Thazhambur in Tamil Nadu. The bench said a "professed welfare state" cannot attempt to undo land transactions from decades ago.

EC serves notice to Kharge for 'terrorist' remark on PM

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi



THE Election Commission of India on Wednesday issued a stern notice to Mallikarjun Kharge over his alleged "terrorist" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The poll body directed Kharge, who is also the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, to submit his reply within 24 hours.

The ECI said in its notice, "The commission is prima-facie of the opinion that Mallikarjun Kharge, who is also a star campaigner of the INC in the elections to the Tamil Nadu legislative Assembly has violated the aforesaid provisions of the MCC and relevant instructions issued by the commission brought out earlier." It also noted that in the event of no response "from your side within the time limit stipulated, it will be presumed that you have nothing to say in the matter."

The move came shortly after a BJP delegation met the Commission's full bench and demanded strict action. The delegation included Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Kiren Rijiju, and Arjun Ram Meghwal, as well as other party leaders. A senior official said the Commission had taken serious note of Kharge's statement and issued a formal notice asking him to explain his position within the given time. The official added that such remarks were being examined in context of poll conduct. After meeting the Commission, Rijiju said that calling the Prime Minister a "terrorist" was a serious insult to the nation. He described the remark as unacceptable and urged immediate action, stating that such language should not become normal in political discourse.

The row began on Tuesday when Kharge, speaking at a press conference in Chennai, criticised the alliance between the AIADMK and the BJP. During his remarks, he referred to the PM using the disputed term. When questioned by journalists, Kharge clarified that he did not mean it literally but was referring to what he described as the prime minister "terrorising" democratic institutions.

Kharge said the government was misusing its power. The Congress alleged that the EC notice was evidence of its functioning as an attached office of the Union home ministry, and its behaviour is an assault on the Constitution.

Move follows BJP demand for an apology

The BJP had earlier urged the commission to intervene and direct Kharge to apologise publicly. The BJP also argued that using terms associated with terror against political opponents could harm the electoral atmosphere. It further requested steps to prevent wider circulation of the remark across media and digital platforms.

NCW seeks norms for care, justice and rehabilitation for acid attack survivors

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE National Commission for Women (NCW) on Wednesday submitted an extensive set of recommendations to the Centre to address the lifelong needs of acid attack survivors, proposing a comprehensive survivor-centric framework covering medical care, legal justice, rehabilitation, and socioeconomic inclusion.

Key legal measures include simplified FIR procedures, mandatory zero FIRs, strict action on stalking complaints, fast-track investigation and trial with fixed timelines, reversal of the burden of proof, and exemplary punishment for offenders. The Commission also recommended the appointment of dedicated legal officers and the adoption of uniform investigation protocols.

To streamline response systems, the NCW proposed a national acid attack case-tracking registry linking FIRs, treatment, compensation, and rehabilitation, along with real-time monitoring dashboards. It also suggested a separate Unique Disability Identity category and automatic linkage with welfare and reservation benefits.

The Commission called for recognising survivors under disability law using inclusive terminology such as "corrosive injuries," along with enhanced compensation based on severity, additional support for blindness and multiple surgeries, monthly pensions, and an online grievance redressal system. A uniform national compensation framework with time-bound disbursal and portability across states was also recommended.

Healthcare proposals include mandatory golden-hour protocols, free lifelong treatment including reconstructive surgeries, ophthalmic and dental care, telemedicine services, and specialised burn care centres. It also emphasised training for healthcare workers and mandatory display of free treatment information in hospitals.

The NCW recommended strict control and licensing of acid sales at the manufacturing, wholesale, and retail levels, and periodic audits and inspections of acid sales and storage. Not only should there be a clear distinction between industrial and other uses of acid, but amendments should be introduced in the Poison Act of 1919 to strengthen enforcement, the commission said.

India-Germany co-production of sub deal soon

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his counterpart Boris Pistorius in Berlin | PIB

INDIA and Germany on Wednesday moved to align big-ticket defence projects with a co-development and co-production framework, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his counterpart Boris Pistorius agreeing on a roadmap to deepen industrial collaboration, including in the field of niche military technologies.

"The Defence Industrial Cooperation Roadmap and Implementing Arrangement for Cooperation in UN Peacekeeping Training were inked and exchanged during the meeting," the defence ministry said, outlining a structured framework for bilateral defence collaboration. "The two ministers discussed a range of bilateral security and defence issues, including priority areas for co-development & co-production of defence equipment, especially in the field of niche technologies," the statement further added.

The roadmap gains immediate relevance with major programmes in play. Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems, in partnership with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, has been selected for India's Project-75I submarine programme, under which six next-generation conventional submarines are to be built in India. The nearly ₹1 lakh crore project now awaits final clearance from the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS).

Interestingly, Singh also travelled from Munich to Berlin on Tuesday aboard a German Air Force Airbus A400M Atlas, a contender for the Indian Air Force's Medium Transport Aircraft programme, another project expected to involve domestic manufacturing.

Describing the visit as "a symbol of deep friendship, synergy and trust", Singh said ties have gained momentum in recent years. He also linked the engagement to the broader European Union framework, calling the "recent India-EU Security & Defence Partnership" a significant step in deepening engagement.

Finalised earlier this year, the pact with the EU expands cooperation into maritime security, cyber defence, counterterrorism and defence industry linkages, while creating mechanisms for structured security consultations. The push also comes alongside India's parallel defence engagement with key European partners, particularly France.

Pact with EU expands ties on maritime security

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SUICIDE
A 27-year-old panchayat assistant was found hanging inside a panchayat building in Vaideha village of UP on Wednesday, police said. The deceased had been under stress for some time, an officer said.

2 DEAD — ONE INJURED AS DRUNK DRIVER RAMS CAR IN MP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	26	Mumbai	33	27
Bhopal	39	27	Panaji	34	26
Jaipur	40	28	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	37	25	Lucknow	38	28
Chennai	34	28	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	31	26	Imphal	28	22
Srinagar	21	08	Chandigarh	37	26

Ruling TMC and challenger BJP to fight it out in 152 seats; Left, Cong hope to gain ground ● 27L voters originally excluded, no clarity on no.

All set for Phase 1 poll, North Bengal holds key

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal is all set to go to polls in 152 of the 294 Assembly constituencies in the first phase on Thursday, April 23, to decide the electoral fate of the ruling Trinamool Congress led by Mamata Banerjee and its principal challenger, the BJP. The second phase of polling, covering the remaining 142 seats, will be held on April 29.

The first phase spans 16 districts, with a clear regional divide shaping the contest. Of the 152 seats, 54 fall in North Bengal districts—Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, Cooch Behar, North Dinajpur, South Dinajpur and Malda—widely seen as a BJP stronghold. The remaining 98 constituencies lie in districts such as Murshidabad, East Midnapore, West Midnapore, Jhargram, Purulia, Bankura, West Bardhaman and Birbhum, long considered the Trinamool Congress's traditional citadel.

Beyond the TMC-BJP contest, the phase will test whether the Left Front and the Congress can regain political ground. This comes amid the backdrop of 91 lakh deletions of voters from post-Special Intensive Revision (SIR) electoral rolls and a polarised campaign in which issues such as corruption, scams, infiltration and tribal discontent have made Bengal one of the most politically charged states.

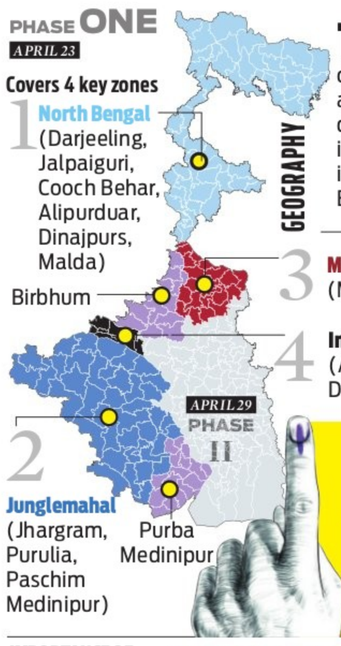
More than 3.6 crore voters are eligible to vote in this phase. The Election Commission has deployed 2,450 companies of central forces.

Thursday's vote is seen as an acid test for the BJP, particularly at a time when the party's central leadership—Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh—has expressed confidence about winning Bengal.

Reflecting that confidence, BJP MP Jayanta Kumar Roy said, "We are expecting an unexpected result in eight North Bengal districts. Barring a few seats, we will win most of the 54 constituencies in these districts if elections are free. The Trinamool Congress goons are unleashing threats, asking many voters not to go to booths to cast votes." The BJP hopes of challenging the TMC depend heavily on retaining dominance in this region, which powered its rise in the 2019 Lok Sabha election.

The TMC has projected confidence of surpassing its previous tally. Party spokesperson Arup Chakraborty said, "Our target is to increase the total seats to 215 in the 2026 elections against the 214 form 2021. Mamata Banerjee, has already said that the party will cross the previous figure by winning one more seat. There is no question of going below 214."

He also took aim at the BJP's expectations, adding, "In 2021, Amit Shah had targeted 200 seats, but this time he is expecting victory in 170 constituencies. It shows their confidence level is weak. Mamata di is confident of winning more than 214 while Shah is bringing down the tally."



152 constituencies across **16** districts, including **54** in North Bengal

BENGAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION PHASE ONE

DEMOGRAPHY
- **3.6 cr** voters in this phase
- **Broadly** balanced male–female electorate (no major skew)
- **High** concentration of Muslim voters in Malda–Murshidabad, making it a decisive minority belt
- **Tribal** populations significant in Junglemahal and North Bengal, influencing swing outcomes

IMPORTANCE OF THIS PHASE
Represents BJP's strongest terrain and TMC's key defensive front

Contains 3 parallel contests
- BJP vs TMC (North Bengal, Junglemahal)
- TMC vs INC (Malda-Murshidabad)
- BJP vs TMC (industrial belt)

Outcome sets the early momentum and narrative for the entire election

KEY PLAYERS IN FRAY

BJP
Suvendu Adhikari, Dilip Ghosh, Nishith Pramanik, and Agnimitra Paul

TMC
Gautam Dev, Manas Bhunia, Udayan Guha, and Paresh Adhikary

INC: Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Ali Imran Ramz

Left: Saradindu Chakraborty, Debraj Barman, and Tanushree Das

MAJOR SWING SEATS

High-profile:	Nandigram, Baharampur, Siliguri
North Bengal:	Dabgram–Phulbari, Matigara–Naxalbari
Minority belt:	Nowda, Domkal, Chanchal
Junglemahal:	Jhargram, Gopiballavpur
Industrial:	Asansol Dakshin

TRIBUNALS DECIDE: ONLY 139 MORE GET TO CAST VOTE TODAY

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

A grand total of 139 more voters can now exercise their franchise in the first phase of the Bengal Assembly elections on Thursday. The Appellate Tribunals cleared their names as per a Supreme Court order, and the Election Commission released their list on poll eve. The tribunals have so far cleared 650 appellants' names, of whom 511 voters' names were invalidated, leaving 139 valid voters.

This means that those among the 27 lakh voters who appealed their exclusion, minus 139, will not be voting on Thursday. The exact number of excluded voters is unknown. Their appeals are pending with the Tribunals, which will eventually clear them. The EC will publish a second list of names cleared by tribunals on April 28, a day before the second phase of polling.Eight of the 139 voters hail from North Bengal, and the rest from South Bengal. According to the EC, with the fresh inclusions in the first phase, 3,60,77,310 electors are eligible to vote on Thursday.

In its last order, the Supreme Court had said that voters cleared by the tribunals by April 21 for the first phase and April 27 for the second phase will be allowed to vote. It said the EC will bring out a fresh list of the cleared names on April 22 and April 28, a day before the two phases of polling, respectively.

Following the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, around 91 lakh voters, including more than 63 lakhs marked as absent, shifted, dead and duplicate (ASDD) and another 27 lakhs not figured in the supplementary after adjudication process cleared by judicial officers, have been deleted from the post-SIR final voters list.

The national poll body uploaded two separate lists on its official website—one of voters whose names were restored and another of those excluded. Voters can check the Appellate Tribunals supplementary lists by selecting their respective assembly constituency and booth number on the official portal. For booths where no tribunal decisions were made, no names have been listed.

Individuals who moved the tribunal after finding their names missing from the rolls can also verify their status online using their EPIC numbers. Those whose names have been included in the latest list will be eligible to vote in the first phase of polling, officials said.

RANCHI DIARY

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Army defuses another World War II-era bomb

The Indian Army defused a high-risk, World War II-era bomb —weighing 200–227 kg— recovered from the Subarnarekha River near Baharagora in East Singhbhum on Tuesday. Earlier on April 16, panic gripped among the people in Panipoda-Nagudisai area, of East Singhbhum after a massive bomb believed to be from the World War II era was recovered, marking the third such recovery in the region in recent weeks. The bomb was found on April 15 night by some villagers who had gone for fishing in the Subarnarekha River. With water levels receding sharply due to summer heat, the long-buried explosive became visible on the riverbed.

Governor administers oath to Lokayukta

After five years, Jharkhand got its new Lokayukta on Tuesday. Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar administered the oath of office to retired Jharkhand High Court Judge Amitabh Kumar Gupta as the Lokayukta. Notably, the post of Lokayukta in Jharkhand had remained vacant since June 2021. With an appointment finally being made to this constitutional post after nearly five years, new hope has emerged regarding administrative transparency in the state. While taking the oath of office, Amitabh Kumar Gupta stated that he would discharge his duties within the framework of the law, without any fear, favor, or malice.

49 Maoists still active, ₹5 cr bounty announced

Despite intensified operations, 49 Maoists are still active in Jharkhand, says police records. In a crackdown on Left-Wing Extremism, the government has announced reward of ₹5.20 crore for information leading to their arrest. Officials said the list includes 42 members of the CPI (Maoist), along with operatives from Jharkhand Jan Mukti Parishad, People's Liberation Front of India, and Tritiya Prastuti Committee. The drop in the number of wanted Maoists from 58 to 49 reflects progress in operations. Among the most-wanted, ₹1 crore each have been announced for Asim Mandal, linked to the Belpahari squad, and Misir Besra, a senior Politburo leader.

2 more tigers die in 2 separate reserves in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

TWO more tigers, including a young adult male and a cub have died in Madhya Pradesh in the last 24 hours, taking the tiger casualties this year to 21.

The decomposed body of a young adult male was found in the Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) on Tuesday afternoon, and the carcass of a cub was found in the Kanha Tiger Reserve (KTR) the same day.

The death has exposed the state of patrolling by the staff in the Panna Tiger Reserve, where tigers had become locally extinct by 2008-09 due to rampant poaching and severe mismanagement.

"The late spotting of the carcass is certainly a cause of concern. The patrolling teams should be more effective and alert in the PTR," a former forest department official said.

The PTR's field director Brijesh Srivastava, said veterinary and other teams of the reserve rushed to the spot in Gangau Wildlife Sanctuary, immediately after the carcass of the cub was spotted.

NIA at Raj refinery site, security lapse suspected

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) launched a probe into the massive fire in Rajasthan's Pachpadra refinery, along with other central agencies, amid concerns over security lapses.

Sources said the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is not ruling out the possibility of a security lapse as the fire broke out less than 24 hours before PM Narendra Modi's scheduled visit. "While routine fire incidents are investigated by police or fire departments, the presence of the NIA suggests that the Centre may be treating the incident as a possible attack on a strategic asset or part of a larger conspiracy," said a source linked to the probe.

As the strategically important refinery is situated 150 kms from the Pakistan border, the NIA is probing the possibility of an international conspiracy or "economic terrorism." Sources said the agency is also examining a global sabotage angle, as similar refinery incidents were reported elsewhere around the same time, raising suspicions of coordinated disruption.

Apart from the NIA team, a delegation from the MHA and a technical team from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas arrived at the site to assess the situation. However, it remains unclear which agency has been assigned overall responsibility for the in-depth probe. A BSF helicopter arrived at the refinery site from Delhi on Tuesday, landing at the helipad prepared for the PM's aircraft. Members of the team conducted on-ground inspection, questioning refinery employees and fire brigade personnel.

They also reviewed CCTV footage. Two hours later, a forensic laboratory team reached the site and began collecting evidence. The leakage reportedly from valves and flanges is also under scrutiny to determine whether it was due to a technical fault or deliberate tampering.

Maha hectic lobbying begins for legislative council seats

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

HECTIC lobbying has started in ruling MahaYuti and opposition MVA parties for nominations for the biennial elections to 10 Maharashtra Legislative Council seats, scheduled to be held on May 10.

Based on its strength in the Assembly, the BJP will get six of the 10 seats. Twelve aspirants in the BJP for the seats include Archana Patil Chakorkar, Pranya Satava, Madhavi Naik, Rajesh Pandey, Ranjeet Singh Naik Nimbalkar, Ram Satpute, Sanjay Kaka Patil, Sanjay Kenekar, Dadarao Keche, Sanjay Bhende, Dyashankar Tiwari, and Sandeep Joshi.

The BJP state parliamentary committee called a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the names for the election. Sources said Pranya Satava's name has been almost finalised as she resigned as a Congress MLC and joined the BJP recently. The other five names will be chosen after discussions

"While selecting candidates, the BJP will take into account regional and caste balance, besides the aspirant's loyalty and work. Many names have been recommended by local party workers and leaders, but the parliamentary committee will take the call," a BJP leader said, requesting anonymity.

Nine seats fell vacant after the expiry of MLCs' terms. One seat fell vacant after Pranya Satava resigned. As per the present strength, a candidate needs at least 29 votes to win.

The Sena (UBT), which has 20 MLAs, the highest among the three MVA partners, has staked a claim to the seat. Maharashtra Congress president Harshvardhan Sapkal said that if Uddhav Thackeray again wants to go to the upper house, they are ready to support. "If Thackeray is not interested, then this seat should be given to the Congress," Sapkal said. NCP(SP) also extended support to Thackeray's nomination.

Cong ready to back if Uddhav contests

The MVA can elect only one MLC seat. The Shiv Sena (UBT), which has 20 MLAs has staked a claim to the seat. Maharashtra Congress president Harshvardhan Sapkal said that if Uddhav Thackeray again wants to go to the upper house, then they are ready to extend support.

Hosp diktat: Fine for staff for long hair & beard

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A major controversy has erupted over new rules issued to discipline the outsourced employees at Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences (RMLIMS) in Lucknow.

According to the order issued by the agency, male employees will be fined ₹200 for keeping a beard or long hair. Female employees will also have to pay the same penalty for not keeping their hair in a bun or the prescribed hairstyle.

As per sources, around 4,000 outsourced employees are working in the institute. The agency's camp manager issued the order on the instructions of the institute administration. Under this, a fine of ₹100 has been fixed for not wearing an ID card or nameplate during duty and ₹200 per day for not wearing the prescribed uniform.

A fine of 500 rupees will be imposed for being absent from duty without notice or leaving the workplace. A penalty of up to ₹2,000 is fixed for taking leave or remaining absent without prior notice. A fine of ₹500 has also been fixed for being found sleeping, smoking, or consuming alcohol during the duty hours.

The order also states that in cases of corrupt conduct, use of improper methods, or collusion with officials, an FIR will be filed along with termination of service if found guilty.

Employees allege that such strict and unusual rules are not implemented in other institutions of the state. They have expressed opposition, calling this order impractical.

According to the aggrieved outsourcing employees, outsourcing companies are working on the instructions of the institution administration. Such orders have been issued to put pressure on outsourcing employees, whereas this order is not being applied to regular employees deployed in the institution, whose number is approximately 1,000.

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Fake doc held for conversion attempt at hosp

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

AFTER the arrest of Dr Rameez Malik, a resident doctor accused of molestation and attempted forcible conversion of an intern, another strain of attempted conversion was found when a fake doctor was caught at prestigious King Georges' Medial University (KGMU) in Lucknow on Tuesday.

After presenting the accused before the media persons, the KGMU authorities handed him over to police authorities.

KGMU spokesperson Dr. KK Singh stated that the accused, identified as Hasan Ahmad, used to pose as a doctor by organising medical camps on the campus. He was caught on Tuesday and turned in.

C'garh pvt schools declare all-out war, fate of 14K RTE students lies in limbo

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Chhattisgarh Private School Management Association on Wednesday declared an indefinite "Non-Cooperation Movement," vowing to block all admissions under the Right to Education (RTE) Act until their demands are addressed.

The escalation follows a decade of financial friction, culminating in a boycott of government directives. Despite the state recently announcing the selection of 14,403 children for RTE admission via an online lottery, the association has dug in its heels, refusing to enrol a single student until the government addresses a 13-year stagnation in reimbursement rates.

At the heart of the crisis is a reimbursement structure that has not been revised since 2011. Association leaders argue that while inflation, staff salaries, and infrastructure costs have skyrocketed, the government's compensation has remained frozen. "We are being asked to provide present-day education on 2011 budgets. The insensitivity toward the cost of educating underprivileged students is not sustainable," stated association president Rajeev Gupta.

The movement is a direct response to what the association calls "judicial negligence." A September 2025 order of the Bilaspur HC mandated the Education Department to resolve the fee dispute within six months. With that deadline lapsed, private educators have shifted from dialogue to defiance.

The association has demanded that the government make public the per-student expenditure in government-run schools. Their proposed fee structure includes ₹18,000 for the primary level, ₹22,000 for middle and ₹25,000 for high/higher secondary.

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Rajeev Gupta, assn chief

88 million won fine for South Korean pilot over mid-air crash during filming stunt

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

ISRAEL FM URGES LEBANON TO JOIN HANDS AGAINST HEZBOLLAH

Despite no diplomatic ties, two countries to hold fresh talks in Washington today; Beirut plans to seek truce extension

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL's foreign minister on Wednesday urged Beirut to make joint efforts with Israel to counter the Lebanese armed group Hezbollah, ahead of talks between the countries set to resume in Washington.

"Tomorrow the direct talks between Israel and Lebanon will resume in Washington DC. I call on the government of Lebanon — let's work together against the terror state that Hezbollah built in your territory," Gideon Saar said in a speech to diplomats at a function marking Israel's 78th Independence Day. "This cooperation is needed by you even more than by us. It requires moral clarity and the courage to take risks. But there is no real alternative for ensuring a future of peace for you and for us."

Israel and Lebanon, which have no diplomatic relations, will hold fresh talks in Washington on Thursday, a State Department official told AFP.

Israel conducted huge airstrikes across Lebanon and invaded the south after Hezbollah entered the West Asia war in support of its backer Iran on March 2. Despite a truce which began on Friday, Israeli soldiers are still active in south Lebanon, with Defence Minister Israel Katz saying last week they would use "full force" if threatened. Under the truce terms, Israel says it reserves the right to act against "planned, imminent or ongoing attacks".

Earlier on Wednesday, the Israeli military said its troops killed two "terrorists who violated the ceasefire understandings" in the area of Saluki in southern Lebanon a day earlier. The pair had "crossed the forward defence line and approached soldiers, posing an immediate threat", the military said, adding that its air force later struck and eliminated them.

WAR WATCH

An Israeli airstrike also killed one person and wounded two in Lebanon's Bekaa region on Wednesday, according to Lebanon's state-run National News Agency.

The Israeli military has established a so-called "Yellow Line" in south Lebanon near the border, where its forces are operating despite the ceasefire. On Tuesday, it said Hezbollah launched rockets towards soldiers stationed in south Lebanon and that the military struck the launcher in response. It also said it had intercepted a drone fired from Lebanon before it crossed into Israeli territory. Hezbollah said it had launched an attack on northern Israel in retaliation for what it said were Israeli ceasefire violations, the first such claim since the truce began. *AFP*

A ballistic missile is displayed by Iran's Revolutionary Guard during a pro-government demonstration at Enqelab-e-Eslami (Islamic Revolution) Square in downtown Tehran, Iran | AP

US blocks $500M Iraq cash over Iran-linked attacks

WASHINGTON

THE United States blocked a plane carrying nearly $500 million in banknotes from delivering the cash to Iraq, US media reported on Tuesday, piling pressure on Baghdad to fight Iran-backed militant groups.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Washington has suspended cash shipments to Iraq and frozen funding for security programs following attacks on US interests in the country by groups showing solidarity with Iran.

Iraq has long walked a tightrope between the competing influences of its allies, neighboring Iran and the United States.

However, Iraqi leaders have struggled to maintain that delicate balance as war engulfs the West Asia. An Iraqi security official confirmed to AFP that the United States has suspended its security cooperation with Iraq over factions targeting US interests. The US State Department said this month it had summoned Iraq's ambassador to Washington to express "strong condemnation" of attacks by pro-Iran groups on US interests, "including the April 8 ambush of US diplomats in Baghdad".

The US embassy in Baghdad and a logistical and diplomatic centre inside the city's airport have been repeatedly targeted by rockets and drones. *AFP*

IN THE COURT OF THE XXV ADDL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & SC. No.172/2026 (CCH -23)

BETWEEN: Mr. RAM KUMAR SINGH, AGED ABOUT 85 YEARS, S/o. LATE MOTI LAL SINGH, RESIDING AT A-63, GROUND FLOOR, SOUTH EXT-11, NEW DELHI-110049. ... **PETITIONER**
AND: -NIL- ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioner has made a Petition to this Court (CCH No.23) under Section 276 of the Indian Succession Act praying for issue of Probate of the Will dated 16-08-2016 for getting the schedule assets transferred to the name of the Shivani Singh. The Shivani Singh is the daughter of the deceased Mridula Singh. The petitioner is the husband of the deceased Mridula Singh. The schedule mentioned below belongs to Mridula Singh, who expired on 12-12-2018.

Interested Parties are hereby warned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **12-06-2026** at 11:00 A.M in forenoon to Show Cause against the Petition failing wherein, the matter will be heard and determined exparte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being an apartment bearing No.350 located in the III Floor of Block F measuring 1148 Square Feet Super Built Up Area in the apartment complex known as SONESTAA MEADOWS along with 378.84 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Converted Sy. No. 4pl immovable property bearing Converted Sy No.41 BBMP Katha No.703, 704 & 706 and common BBMP Katha No.703, situated at Thubarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, along with one covered car parking space and the entire property is bounded on the East by: Road; West by: Lands of Thoti Annayappa; West by: Lands belonging to Chikka Ramaiah Reddy and South by: Lands belonging to Prabhakar Reddy.

The Value of the aforesaid assets is Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Only).

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 15-04-2026.

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

SRIJA .K.R, Advocate
No.65, 13th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011.

BEFORE THE HON"BLE COURT OF THE 89TH ADDL CITY CIVIL & SESSION JUDGE, (COMMERCIAL COURT) AT BANGALORE Comm, O.S.298/2026

BETWEEN: Mr P Bhaskar & Another S/o. Late Panchakshari Aged about 62 years Residing at No. 212, 29th Main Road, 12th Cross, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 076 ... Plaintiffs

AND:

Mr Sampath Raju & Another ...Defendants
DEFENDANT No.1 Mr. Sampath Raju S/o P. Changama Raju, Aged about 62 years Residing at: No.342/18, "Sri Balaji Nilayam", 16th 'A' Main, 35th Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore-560 041. Old Assessment No.15,16

COURT NOTICE TO DEFENDANT NO. 1

Whereas, the plaintiff herein has filed this suit against you for recovery of money of Rs.3,00,00,000/-(Three Crores only) Hence, hereby directed you to appear before the Hon'ble 89th Additional City Civil and Session Court (C C H-89), Bangalore District, at Bangalore in the above suit, in person or through a pleader/ advocate duly instructed and also to answer all the questions related the above suit on the 4th Day of June 2026 at 11 a.m. Take further notice that in default of your appearance at the day and time afore mentioned, the above suit will be heard Exparte and it will be decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble 89th Addl City Civil Court on this 15th day April of 2026.

By order of the Hon'ble 89th Addl City Civil Court, Assistant Register, Hon'ble 89th Addi City Civil Court, Bangalore.

By order of the court : Senior Shirestdar Commercial Court Hon'ble 89TH Addl City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff: S. NAVEEN KUMAR, Advocate, # 12, 2ND Floor, 10TH Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002

BEFORE THE HON'BLE I ST ADDL. PRL. JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU
M.C.. NO. 3480/2024

Smt. Mamta Prasad : ....Petitioner
AND Sri. Om Prakash. ....**Respondent**

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

To: Sri. OM PRAKASH.,Aged about 39 Years, S/o. Jagat Ram, R/ at No: 800, CPN Club, Sonari, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand State-831011.
Also at: C/o. Yashwant Kumar,No: 202, 2nd Floor, Mariya Arena, Nyanappana Halli Main Road, BTM 6th Stage, Near DLF New Town, Bengaluru-560068
Working Place at: Capegemini. Capegemini Technology Services India Ltd.. Formerly Known as IGATE Global Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Crecent-2, Prestige Shanti Niketan, Sadaramangala Village, Whitefield Main Rod, Bengaluru-560048.: ....**Respondent**

WHEREAS the Petitioner has filed the above petition against the Respondent seeking for the dissolution of the marriage and the petition filed U/S. 13 (1) (i-a) & 13 (1) (i-b) of the Hindu Marriage Act and such other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear in person before this Hon'ble -Ist Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, at Bengaluru. Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day of 27th APRIL 2026, the plaint will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on 20th FEBRUARY 2026.

ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER
SRI. JAGADEESH.S., Advocate, office at No: 312/A. 1st Floor, 1st Main Road. Jayanagar 8th Block, Bengaluru- 560070 Mob: 8123624776
BY ORDER OF THE COURT Sheristedar Family Court, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that we are conducting the title due deligence of a Residential Property bearing No. **161/E in Sy No. 102** of N S Palya Extension, situated at 3rd Cross, J P Nagar 3rd Phase, Bangalore with residential house built thereon admeasuring 3375 Sq Ft, East to West 45 Feet, North to South 75 Feet, which is jointly owned by the following members: **(i) Smt. Uriti Gyanamba, (ii) Smt. Uma Murthy, (iii) Sri. P. Kalakar Murty.** The owner listed under (i) to (iii) are children of Late P Krishnamurthy and Late P. Savithri. The land parcel of which we are conducting the title is described in the schedule below and shall hereinafter be referred to as the **"Schedule Property."**

If any person has any right, title, interest, claim, or demand in relation to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, or has executed any transactions or documents (whether registered or unregistered) with the owners or their predecessors in title, having the effect of creating an encumbrance thereon, they are hereby called upon to submit their statements, objections, or claims in writing, along with supporting documentary evidence, to the undersigned within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no such objections are received within the said period, it shall be conclusively presumed that no person has any right, title, interest, claim, demand, charge, or encumbrance whatsoever over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, and we shall proceed to issue our opinion confirming that the owners have clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing No. **161/E in Sy No. 102** of N S Palya Extension, situated at 3rd Cross, J P Nagar 3rd Phase, Bangalore with residential house built thereon admeasuring **3375 Sq Ft, East to West 45 Feet, North to South 75** Feet and bounded on: **East by:** Site No. 161/G **West by:** Site No. 161/C **North by:** Site No. 161/F **South by:** Road

Advocate Name and address
B.S.Shrinivas, Advocate
BLS Legal Third Floor.1, Alpine Arch Langford Road. Bengaluru-560025

Place: Bangalore Date: 23-04-2026

Federal Bank

LCRD / Bangalore Division,
No. 3, Church Street, 2nd Floor, "MSR West Park" Bangalore - 560001.
Phone No.: 8095828647, email id : bgrlcrd@federalbank.co.in
Website : www.federalbank.co.in, CIN : L65191KL1931PLC000368

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

BGRLCRD/ BGRV/ 17S/ /2026-27

Where as,

The undersigned being the **Authorised Officer of the Federal Bank Ltd.** under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the said Act read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Rules) issued a **Demand Notice Dated 11th February 2026** calling upon the borrowers **(1) Shri / Smt. Leena Jacob, D/o. Chacko P T,** (a) Flat No. 205, 2nd Floor, B Block, B M Silver Woods Apartment, Haralakunte, 27th Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560102 (b) M/s. EIT Services India Private Limited Digital Park, Plot No. 39-40, Konappana Agrahara, Electronic City, Hosur Road, Bangalore – 560100 (c) G 1, Tripthi Paradise, Athmananda Colony, Sulthanpalya, R T Nagar, Bangalore, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka – 560032 (d) 21/25/26a Carmel Villa Rukmini Nagar, Pakal Road, Rukmini Nagar, Nasik, Maharashtra, 422611 **(2) Shri / Smt. Jobin Joseph, S/o. Joseph Chacko Mampuzhkal,** (a) Flat No. 205, 2nd Floor, B Block, B M Silver Woods Apartment, Haralakunte, 27th Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560102 (b) M/s. ERNST and YOUNG LLP, Whitefield, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560048 **(3) Shri / Smt. Jessica Jacob @ Jessica Suraj, D/o. Suraj Thomas,** Flat No. 205, 2nd Floor, B Block, B M Silver Woods Apartment, Haralakunte, 27th Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560102 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ₹ **59,91,937.06 (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven, Paise Six Only) Comprising (1) ₹ 27,48,191.06 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Forty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Ninety One and Paise Six Only) due as on 17.01.2026 under Federal Housing Loan with Number 21997300000140 (2) ₹ 31,16,580.00 (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Only) due as on 05.02.2026 under Property Power Loan Limit with Number 21997600002374 & (3) ₹ 1,27,166.00 (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Six Only) due as on 18.01.2026 under Asset Guard loan with number 21997600002416** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **22nd April the year 2026.**

The borrower/s' attention is invited to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets (security properties).

The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Federal Bank Ltd. for an amount of ₹ 61,13,872.06 (Rupees Sixty One lakh Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Two and Paise Six Only) comprising (1) ₹ 28,10,783.06 (Rupees Twenty Eight lakh Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Three and Paisa Six Only) due as on 17.04.2026 under Federal Housing Loan with Number 21997300000140 (2) ₹ 31,72,479.00 (Rupees Thirty One lakh Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Nine Only) due as on 05.04.2026 under Property Power Loan Limit with Number 21997600002374 & (3) ₹ 1,30,610.00 (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Only) due as on 18.04.2026 under Asset Guard loan with number 21997600002416** and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 205, Second Floor, Block B, having an Extent of 1695 Sq.Ft. of Super Built Up Area, being 3 BHK apartment, B M Silver Woods Apartment, together with One Covered Car Parking Space, including Proportionate Share in Common Area such as Passages, Lobbies, Lift, Staircase and Other Areas of Common Use, with 433.34 Sq.Ft. of Undivided Share, Right, Title, Interest in and over the immovable property bearing BBMP Khata No. 1794/36/3, Survey No. 36/4, New Survey No. 36/3, Situated at 27th Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Haralukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka State – 560102, bounded on **East by :** Property belonging to Gurumurthy Reddy, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Remaining portion of Sy.No. 36/3 and **South by :** Private property.

Date : 22-04-2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **(The Federal Bank Ltd.)**

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer Vidyaranyapura Division,
No. 582, 1st Main, BEL Layout,
2nd Stage, Vidyaranyapura, Blore -97

No: BNCC/EE/VDP-D/KPPP/01/2026-27 Date: 22.04.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer, Vidyaranyapura Division, BNCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BNCC or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD/Railways / MES /National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
	Single Cover System
1.	Maintenance of drains by engaging Labour and Tractor in Singapura ward no.8. **Amount put to tender : Rs.20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.50,000.00. Category : Others**
2.	Maintenance of drains by engaging Labour and Tractor in Kuvempunagara ward no.9. **Amount put to tender : Rs.20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.25,000.00. Category : ST**
3.	Maintenance of drains by engaging Labour and Tractor in Vidyaranyapura ward no.10. **Amount put to tender : Rs.20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.50,000.00. Category : Others**
4.	Maintenance of drains by engaging Labour and Tractor in Doddabommasandra ward no.11. **Amount put to tender : Rs.20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.25,000.00. Catagery : SC**
5.	Maintenance of drains by engaging Labour and Tractor in Thindlu ward no.12. **Amount put to tender : Rs.20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.50,000.00. Category : Others**
6.	Maintenance of drains by engaging Labour and Tractor in Kodigehalli ward no.13. **Amount put to tender : Rs.20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.50,000.00. Category : Others**
7.	Maintenance of drains by engaging Labour and Tractor in Rajivgandhinagar ward no.14. **Amount put to tender : Rs.20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.50,000.00. Category : CAT-II(A)**
8.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Singapura ward no.8. **Amount put to tender : Rs.25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.50,000.00. Category: Others**
9.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Kuvempunagara ward no.9. **Amount put to tender : Rs.25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.25,000.00. Category : SC**
10.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Vidyaranyapura ward no.10. **Amount put to tender : Rs.25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.50,000.00. Category : Others**
11.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Doddabommasandra ward no.11. **Amount put to tender : Rs.25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.50,000.00. Category : Others**
12.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Thindlu ward no.12. **Amount put to tender : Rs.25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.25,000.00. Category : SC**
13.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Kodigehalli ward no.13. **Amount put to tender : Rs.25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.50,000.00. Category : Others**
14.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Rajivgandhinagar ward no.14. **Amount put to tender : Rs.25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.50,000.00. Category : CAT-I**
	Budget Code: 05-221599-01
15.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon period in 2026 in Vidyaranyapura Subdivision. **Amount put to tender : Rs.5.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.12,500.00 Category : Others**
16.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon period in 2026 in Kodigehalli Subdivision. **Amount put to tender : Rs.7.50 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.18,750.00 Category : Others**
17.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon period in 2026 in Kuvempunagara Subdivision. **Amount put to tender : Rs.5.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.12,500.00 Category : CAT-II(A)**
	Two Cover System
18.	Providing Thermoplastic Painting for Rumbler strips, Lane Marking, Junction Markings, different types fo sign boards, pilican signals and Kerb stones, HRPC and other safety furnitures as per Traffic police requests in Vidyaranyapura Division. **Amount put to tender : Rs.140.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 2,10,000/- (Rs.1.00 through KPP Portal & Rs. 1.10 Lakh in the form of B.G).**
19.	Annual Maintenance of SWD in Vidyaranyapura Division for the year 2026-27. **Amount put to tender : Rs.145.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 2,17,500/- (Rs.1.00 Lakh through KPP Portal, & Rs. 1.175 Lakh in the form of B.G).**

Calendar of Events : (1) Availability of Tender documents Last Date of : **24.04.2026, 16.30 Hours onwards (2)** Last Date of receipt of queries and Pre bid Meeting: **27.04.2026, up to 15.00 Hours (3)** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **06.05.2026, 16.00 hours (4)** Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **07.05.2026, 16.30 hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vidyaranyapura Division, Zone-1, BNCC

IN THE COURT OF THE XXII ADDL. CITY CIVIL COURT AT BENGALURU
O.S No. 4649/2024 (CCH-7)

BETWEEN:
S. VENKATA VARDHAN HINDU
UNDIVIDED FAMILY(HUF) No.125 Sultanpet, Sree Balaji Complex, Bengaluru-560 053
Rep by Kartha Sri. Venkata Vardhan **...Plaintiff**
AND:
1. Mr. DHARMARAJU, Shop No.4 & 5, H Block, Sree Balaji Complex, Sultanpet, Bengaluru-560053.
2. Mr. S VIJAY KUMAR, S/o Mr. P. Shivachari, Alleyppay Parcel Service, Shop at C-7, Ground Floor, Sree Balaji Complex, No.125, Sulthanpete, Bengaluru-560053 **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT No.1 & 2

To:
1. Mr. DHARMARAJU, Shop No.4 & 5, H Block, Sree Balaji Complex, Sultanpet, Bengaluru- 560053
2. Mr. S VIJAY KUMAR, S/o Mr P. Shivachari, Alleyppay Parcel Service, Shop at C-7, Ground Floor, Sree Balaji Complex, No.125, Sulthanpete, Bengaluru-560053.

WHEREAS, the above-named Plaintiff has filed Civil Suit for Permanent Injunction.

As such you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble XXII, Addl. City Civil Court at Bengaluru (CCH-7) **at 11-00AM on 11/06/2026** in person or by Counsel duly instructed to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the suit heard & determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULED PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of shop premises bearing Shop No.C-7, Ground floor measuring 210 Sq.ft situated at Sree Balaji Complex, No.125, Sultanpet, Bengaluru-560053

Given under my hand the seal of the court this day 18.04.2026 **By Order of the Court**
***Sd/-* Senior Sheristedar**
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff:
Bharat Kumar S, Advocate,
Office No.24, IV Model House Street, Basavangudi, Bengaluru- 560004
Mobile- 9741188558

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I KARNATAKA
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

DEMAND NOTICE

FORM NO.14
[See Regulation 33(2)] By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. as amended

RC/344/2024 26.12.2024

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
M/S YASH INDUSTRIES

In the Matter of:
(CH-1) Union Bank of India,
(Erstwhile Andhra Bank)
Dasarahalli Branch, No.1478, Drls Plaza, Ground Floor Tumkur Road, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560057.
...Applicant(s)

VERSUS

To,
(CD-1) M/s.Yash Industries
Pankaj Hibare, Yeshwanth Hibare
No.71, Gollarahalli, Tulasinagar, Hoshalli, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560091
Represented By Its Partnersi.
1.Sri.Pankaj Y.Hibare
2.Smt.Swati Mohan Rao Malvadkar
Bangalore, Karnataka -560091
(CD-2) Sri Pankaj Y.Hibare
S/o Sri Yeshwanth Hibare No.40/3, Near Gopi School, Kamashipalya New Layout, Bengaluru Karnataka -560079
(CD-3) Smt. Swati Mohanrao Malvadar
W/o Sri Pankaj Y.Hibare, No.40/3, Near Gopi School, Kamashipalya New Layout. Bengaluru Karnataka -560079
...Defendant(s)

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **Debts Recovery Tribunal Bengaluru (DRT-I)** in **OA/787/2022** an amount of **Rs.57,59,808.33 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousands Eight Hundred Eight And Paisa Thirty Three Only)** along with cost, expenses and future interest @ 13.95% p.a. Simple Interest w.e.f. **07.03.2022** till realization and costs of **Rs.1,00,775.00 (Rupees One Lakh Seven Hundred Seventy Five Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. Your are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from this notice

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **26.12.2024.**

Recovery Officer -II

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client propose to purchase the property described in the schedule herein from V. Girish S/o late D. Venkatappa, residing at No.278, 5th Cross, 3rd main, Maruthinagar, Bapujinagar, Bangalore presently residing at No.270/2, 6th cross, new Kavika Layout, Maruthinagar, Bengaluru who has represented that the said property has been allotted to his share as per compromise decree dated 5/2/2025 passed in the Court of XXX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru City in O.S. No.5616/2024 and as per final decree drawn in O.S. No.5616/2024 and registered on 12/5/2025 as Document No.LAG-1-00744-2025-26, Book I in the office of Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagara (Laggere), Bangalore. Any person or persons objecting for the proposed purchase and persons who are having any right, title, interest or ownership or any other right or claim in the schedule property including by way of any agreement or otherwise shall lodge his/her/their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Ten (10) days from the date of this publication. Further, claims or alleged interest or objections if any, which are not received within Ten (10) from the date of publication of this notice shall be considered to have been consciously waived or abandoned for all intents and purposes and shall no longer be binding. Any objections and/or claims and/or response received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of residential site formed in Sy. No.59/7 of Mathahalli village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk bearing property No.34 Gramatana No.43, Khata Assessment No.59/7 (New No.761/753/34/59/7) Old PID No.42-52-270/2 EPID No.1187450741, situated at 3rd cross, Gnanajyothi Nagar, BHEL Layout, Ward No.129, Mallathahalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the:

East by : Property No.33
West by : Property No.35
North by : Road
South by : Private property

G. RAVISHANKAR, Advocate
No.1023, 4th M Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru-560010.
Mob: 9845443707

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients **Mr.SHUKOOR RASHEED RUMMAN AND MR.SHUKOOR RASHEED SUHAIL AHMED.,** both S/O. Shukoor Abdul Rasheed., Rasheed Manzil 6 And 7 Infantry Road Cross, Shivajinagar, Bangalore. Intends to purchase the SCHEDULE PROPERTY from its owner Mrs.VERENA MARIA RAVI KUMAR W/O.C.Ravi Kumar. Having acquired the same by way of succession .

If anyone having Claim right over the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** may intimate the same to the undersigned **within 07 Days** failing which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Apartment bearing No.56/6, in the First Floor of the building named as "NANDI" having its PID No. 79-47-56/6, and got issued E-katha in Form-A, Rule-11 duly issued by ARO Vasanthnagar constructed in SCHEDULE A PROPERTY which is situated at Property No.56, Bowring Hospital Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru measuring East side 87 Feet, West side 87 Feet, North side 67.3 Feet and South side 69.9 in all measuring 1800 Sq.Feet super built up area and the absolute terrace rights over the roof of the building including the right to construct thereon, and one open car park in the space provided in the front of the building for this purpose together with an undivided share of 1/11th on the Schedule A Property right, title and interest. Now which comes under the jurisdiction of Bengaluru Central City Corporation, [G.B.A], Shivaji Nagara, Ward No.110-Sampangiramanagar. And the flat with necessary Electricity, Water, and Sanitary Connections, with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface,. And bounded on the:

East by : Property No's 57 and 58 Hospital Road
West by : Property No.55 Hospital Road
North by : Private Property
South by : Hospital Road.

B.B. SUDHIR, Advocate
No. 334, 09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038.
Mob: 98450 22593

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ (ಉತ್ತರ) ಕಚೇರಿ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22–04–2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ವಾರು ಅನುದಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ಸನ್ 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಅಮೃತ 2.0 ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ – 57587, **ರೂ. 46.93 ಲಕ್ಷ**
2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ – 57588, **ರೂ. 49.10 ಲಕ್ಷ**
3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ – 57152, **ರೂ. 22.00 ಲಕ್ಷ**
4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ – ಎಸ್‌ಇ7667 **ರೂ. 49.80 ಲಕ್ಷ**
5) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ – 57572 **ರೂ. 313.00 ಲಕ್ಷ**

ಮರು ಕರೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು

(CAT-1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

6) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ – 56095, **ರೂ. 4.85 ಲಕ್ಷ** (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)

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7) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ – 56539, **ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷ** (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)

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8) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 53181 **ರೂ. 11.09 ಲಕ್ಷ** (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)
9) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 53182 **ರೂ. 4.00 ಲಕ್ಷ** (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)
10) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 40855 **ರೂ. 5.23 ಲಕ್ಷ** (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)
11) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 52872 **ರೂ. 15.00 ಲಕ್ಷ** (4ನೇ ಕರೆ)
12) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 53504 **ರೂ. 7.70 ಲಕ್ಷ** (4ನೇ ಕರೆ)
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15) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 52870 **ರೂ. 4.13 ಲಕ್ಷ** (4ನೇ ಕರೆ)
16) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 52391 **ರೂ. 13.25 ಲಕ್ಷ** (4ನೇ ಕರೆ)
17) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 52868 **ರೂ. 8.60 ಲಕ್ಷ** (4ನೇ ಕರೆ)
18) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 53984 **ರೂ. 2.35 ಲಕ್ಷ** (4ನೇ ಕರೆ)
19) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 40530 **ರೂ. 21.50 ಲಕ್ಷ** (4ನೇ ಕರೆ)
20) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ– 49589 **ರೂ. 41.00 ಲಕ್ಷ** (4ನೇ ಕರೆ)

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- **ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01, 02, 08, 09** ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **05–05–2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01, 02, 08, 09** ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **06–05–2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.**
- **ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 03, 04, 06, 07, 10 ರಿಂದ 20** ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **11–05–2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 03, 04, 06, 07, 10 ರಿಂದ 20** ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **12–05–2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.**
- **ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 05** ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **25–05–2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 05** ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **26–05–2026 ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.** ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರದ ಅನುಕೂಲಕರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. **ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 05** ರ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **02–05–2026.**

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD*			SILVER*			FOREX		
756.84 ▼	Sensex	78,516.49	₹540 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹154,900	⇔ 1 kg	₹265,000	▲	Dollar	93.83
198.50 ▼	Nifty	24,378.10	₹500 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹142,000	⇔ 10 gm	₹2,650	▲	Euro	110.25

*Delhi Mandi Price

JANE STREET CASE

'Confused what to trade, so we stopped trading'

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

NEW YORK-based algo trader Jane Street, which has been in Sebi crosshairs since last July, on Wednesday informed the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) that due to the continuing regulatory uncertainty it has not resumed trading even though it has fulfilled the regulator's July direction to deposit ₹4,843.5 crore, which technically allowed it to continue to carry on its business in the Indian capital market.

Meanwhile, the tribunal fixed the next date of hearing in the matter on June 23. Sebi had on July 3, 2025 alleged Jane Street used complex, high-volume derivatives and cash market trades to manipulate index levels, especially the Bank Nifty distort price discovery, and generated huge illegal profits of ₹36,671 crore from trading in just 21 days on index expiry days between January 2023 and May 2025.

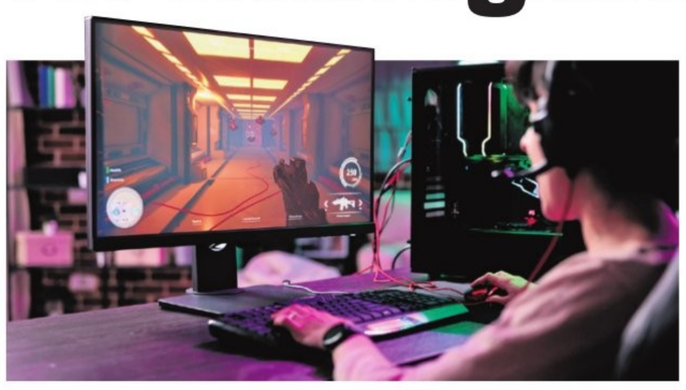
"While we've deposited the entire amount and are otherwise free to trade, we want to wait till the SAT decides it, because we are not sure as to what we can do and can't do," the Jane Street counsel said at the hearing on Wednesday. "We have stopped trading completely. Though the Sebi order doesn't ban us from trading, and despite making the full deposit, we are voluntarily standing out," the counsel said.

At the hearing, Jane Street also sought more documents, including internal Sebi notes and communication on which it had relied to pass the interim order.

So far Sebi has provided Jane Street only with the NSE report, the integrated surveillance department report based on that analysis, and the internal department team report, which underpinned the interim order.

Most online games will not mandatorily require to register

Govt notifies rules for online gaming



RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE government on Wednesday notified rules to regulate the digital gaming ecosystem under the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming (PROG) Act, 2025.

The framework will come into effect from May 1 and adopts a largely light-touch approach, particularly for non-real-money games. According to the secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, S Krishnan, said the intent is to minimise regulatory burden, allowing most non-money games to operate without mandatory determination or registration.

"We wanted to keep this entire framework as light-touch regulation as possible. Most games that are not real-money games should be able to operate without any obligation to be determined or registered," said Krishnan.

However, according to him, determination will be triggered in three situations, which include suo motu action by the authority itself, through an application by a service provider—especially if they want to offer the game as an e-sport—and when the central government notifies any specific category of games for determination The government said it incorporated feedback from nearly 2,500 stakeholders, including industry bodies, companies, academia, think tanks, associations, and law firms.

The government has set a time limit of 90 days within which the determination must be made. The outcome will be recorded in a "determination order," which is specific to that particular game and that particular provider. It will not automatically apply to the same game offered by a different publisher. Under the rules, registration will be required only for specifically notified games—particularly those that pose risks to users, involve large-scale participation, include financial transactions, or are linked to factors such as country of origin. All e-sports titles will also require registration.

EASING REGULATORY BURDEN

1. The fresh online gaming framework will come into effect from May 1
2. IT minister S Krishnan says the govt's intent is to minimise regulatory burden
3. Registration will be required only for specifically notified games
4. All e-sports titles will require mandatory registration
5. The framework explicitly prohibits online money gaming

Godrej Industries unveils 5-yr vision, targets ₹5L cr m-cap

DIPAK MONDAL @ Mumbai

GODREJ Industries on Wednesday outlined an ambitious five-year road map, targeting a market capitalisation of ₹5 lakh crore by 2031, backed by the launch of two new publicly listed platforms and strong double-digit growth across businesses.

Presenting the plan, Pirojsha Godrej, who will take over as group chairman in August this year, said the group is aiming for 15% annual sales growth and over 20% annual earnings per share (EPS) growth, while maintaining return on equity (ROE) of over 18% in each business at a steady state.

The three listed firms of the Godrej Industries Group — Godrej Consumer Products, Godrej Properties, and Godrej Agrovet — command a combined market capitalisation of around ₹1.5 lakh crore. Godrej Capital, Chemicals and Ventures are the three unlisted businesses of the company. The vision lays out people and sustainability goals. The group is targeting employee engagement scores in the 85th percentile and aims to achieve 40% representation of women, LGBTQ and persons with disabilities across its workforce by 2031.

(L-R) Darshan Gandhi, head, design, GCPL; Pirojsha Godrej, chairperson designate; Tanya Dubash, exec director; Sujit Patil, chief communications officer, Godrej Inds

It plans to achieve net-zero emissions across Scope 1 and 2 by 2035, transition to a 100% greener portfolio by 2031, and build responsible supply chains by 2047. Godrej said Godrej Capital is expected to be the fastest-growing business within the group over the next few years.

The announcement coincided with the unveiling of a new brand identity, marking what the company described as a new phase following its 2024 restructuring. Godrej said the strategy is rooted in combining legacy of the 129-year-old Godrej Group with the agility of a young organisation. "We've come a long way... and we're excited to share this important new chapter," he said.

He said the group's direction draws from its founding principles, recalling how founder Ardeshir Godrej chose to prioritise integrity over business opportunity in his early ventures. "As part of its capital allocation strategy, listed entities within the group will fund their own growth, while investments in unlisted businesses are expected to be in the range of ₹5,000–₹7,000 crore over next 5 years."

Govt reduces duties on key inputs, relaxes QCO for induction cooker

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on Wednesday announced a wide range of duty cuts, regulatory relaxations, and supply-side interventions to safeguard domestic industry from the West Asia crisis with a focus on fuel security, raw material availability and uninterrupted manufacturing operations.

In the leather and footwear industry, the government has reduced the basic customs duty (BCD) to zero on key raw materials like EVA, PVC, PU, and SBS. At the same time, to address rising prices and shortages of PVC-based resin, the government is considering either remove or temporarily suspend anti-dumping duties on them.

The government extended energy efficiency norms and quality control order (QCO) timelines for induction cooktop to ease supply constraints and support faster manufacturing and capacity expansion. Nidhi Kesaarwani, joint secretary, DPIIT, on Wednesday said the government has "identified institutes for addressing demand and supply challenges where the mandatory energy efficiency and the QCO timelines for induction cooktops have been extended and corresponding amendments have been issued to facilitate faster manufacturing and increase in production capacities." Media reports suggest the government is considering cutting Customs duty on key induction cooktop components to boost domestic manufacturing and address price hike amid the West Asia crisis.

DUTY RELAXATIONS

1. Govt cuts Customs duty to zero on key raw materials for leather & footwear industry
2. Reports suggest govt is considering duty cut on induction components

DPIIT said under the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), measures have been implemented to ensure uninterrupted supply of fuel and gas. Kesaarwani confirmed that licensing for compressed natural gas (CNG) and compressed biogas (CBG) dispensing stations has been expedited, with 467 applications processed so far, 157 final licences issued, and 38 prior approvals granted, significantly reducing turnaround time.

Q4 EARNINGS

TechM profit up 16%, sees strong margins, rise in deal wins

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

TECH MAHINDRA reported a 16% year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit for the March quarter, supported by strong margin expansion and steady deal wins.

The Pune-headquartered IT services firm posted a net profit of ₹1,354 crore for the fourth quarter of FY26, compared with nearly ₹1,167 crore in the same period last year. Revenue from operations rose 12.6% year-on-year to ₹15,076 crore in the quarter, while sequentially it increased 4.7%.

Further, EBIT margin expanded to 13.8% in the quarter, up around 330 basis points year-on-year and about 70 basis points sequentially. Management reiterated confidence in sustaining margin expansion, stating it has "multiple levers in our control" including operating efficiencies and an improved revenue mix, while maintaining its target of reaching 15% margins by the end of FY27.

Deal activity remained robust during the quarter. Tech Mahindra reported new deal wins worth $1.07 billion, up 34.5% year-on-year, taking full-year deal wins to $3.79 billion, an increase of over 40% compared with the previous year. The company said its "deal momentum and deal pipeline stays very strong" across sectors, including telecom, manufacturing, healthcare, BFSI and retail.

Sensex declines 1% as global uncertainty looms

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market snapped its three-day winning streak and fell sharply amid uncertainty surrounding geopolitical developments, which triggered a rise in crude oil prices. The benchmark BSE Sensex fell by 756.84 points (0.95%) to settle at 78,516.49, while the NSE Nifty50 declined 198.50 points (0.81%) to close at 24,378.10.

The nervousness in the sentiments comes as the next round of US-Iran talks for permanent peace remains unclear even as US President Donald Trump announced extending the ceasefire. Iran is yet to formally respond to the ceasefire after their officials had earlier said they would not negotiate while the US blockade continues.

INDIA VIX SURGES MORE THAN 6%

India VIX rose over 6% amid geopolitical uncertainty. The nervousness in sentiments comes as next round of US-Iran talks remains unclear

"Indian markets are expected to consolidate in the near term as investors continue to monitor developments in the US–Iran conflict and the ongoing US blockade of the Strait of Hormuz," said Siddhartha Khemka, research head, wealth management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services. He added that the decline was driven by weak global cues, renewed concerns around the West Asia conflict and elevated crude oil prices (near $98 per barrel), despite a slight dip. A sell-off in IT stocks and profit booking after the recent rally further added to the weakness.

India VIX rose over 6%, reflecting heightened caution amid persistent geopolitical uncertainty.

Jio Fin, Allianz form general insurance JV

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

EXTENDING their existing partnerships further, Jio Financial Services and German insurance giant Allianz have announced formation of an equal joint venture to begin insurance venture. They will announce a life insurance arm as well.

They had already launched a re-insurance arm earlier this year. The JV will offer protection solutions to the people and businesses across general and health insurance, the company statement said on Wednesday.

Reliance and the Allianz group had announced partnership in July 2025 after the German company parted its ways with the Bajaj group after 24 years. The JV will launch operations after getting statutory and regulatory approvals, the statement said, adding they are also working towards a separate binding agreement for life insurance business.

"We are proud to partner with Allianz across the insurance value chain as our exclusive partner. I believe that the combination of Jio's digital consumer reach and Allianz's deep global insurance expertise is uniquely powerful. Together, we will deliver world-class insurance solutions to every corner of the country—simple to understand, easily accessible through our widespread channels, affordable, and powered by technology that works for every Indian," Reliance group chairman Mukesh Ambani said.

GOVT PERMITS ETHANOL BLENDING IN JET FUEL; NO TARGETS SET YET

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

AFTER allowing the blending of ethanol in petrol, the petroleum ministry on Wednesday permitted the blending of ethanol and other synthetic or man-made hydrocarbons in aviation turbine fuel (ATF).

However, as per the notification, the government has not set any immediate mandatory blending targets. Currently, there is 20% ethanol blended in petrol in the country.

The major change in the notification is that the legal definition of aviation turbine fuel (ATF), which was previously defined strictly by the IS 1571 specification (traditional fossil-based jet fuel), has now been expanded. As per the new definition, it includes blends with "synthesised hydrocarbons as specified in IS 17081." It means the government is providing the legal infrastructure for oil marketing companies (OMCs) to sell and distribute SAF blends.

The move aligns with India's CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation) commitments. India is targeting to blend 1% SAF into jet fuel for overseas flights by 2027, rising to 2% by 2028 and 5% by 2030, in line with the CORSIA mandate.

Sahay takes charge as zonal head, Union Bank, Bhubaneswar Zone

Bhubaneswar: Sanjeev Ranjan Sahay has taken charge as the new Zonal Head of Union Bank of India, Bhubaneswar Zone. The Bhubaneswar Zone serves as the controlling office for six Regional Offices across Odisha. Before this assignment, Sahay was serving as General Manager in the Corporate Communication Department at the Bank's Head Office in Mumbai. Sahay began his banking career with Federal Bank, where he worked for five years. In 2009, he joined Union Bank of India as a senior-level officer and has since built a rich and diverse career across multiple regions of the country.

Business & Beyond

SBI YONO Aviation Cup 2026 at Bhubaneswar Airport ground, Naveen Rawat man of the match

State Bank of India LHO Bhubaneswar organised SBI YONO AVIATION CUP 2026 at Bhubaneswar Airport ground from 10/04/2026 to 18/04/2026 and total eight teams participated. Today final match was played between AAI and CISF. Batting first AAI made 101 runs in 11.5 overs.CISF chased the total and made 103 by loosing 3 wickets in 7,3 overs.Naveen Rawat from CISF was man of the match.

Kia elevates concert experiences with 'Badass Parking'

Chennai: In a spectacular celebration of music, fandom, and culture, "The Badass Concert", a Rajinikanth tribute event held at Kovalam Beach, Chennai, saw an overwhelming response with over 3,500 attendees, making it one of the most talked-about events in the city. Amidst the high-energy atmosphere, Kia, the title sponsor of the event, brought the spotlight firmly onto the all-new Kia Seltos, which took centre stage at the venue. With its bold exterior design, futuristic tech-led interiors, and unmistakable road presence.

Tesla launches Model Y L in India at ₹61.99 lakh

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AMERICAN electric carmaker Tesla on Wednesday launched its second four-wheeler in India , Model Y L, a six-seater electric vehicle, at a price tag of ₹61.99 lakh. The launch is expected to support Tesla sales in India as its first car Model Y recorded deliveries of only about 350 units since starting deliveries in September 2025, a number far lower than EV sales of rival carmakers such as Mercedes-Benz, BMW and BYD.

Model Y L comes with a claimed range of up to 681 km (WLTP), 0-100 km/h acceleration in 5 seconds and cargo space up to 2,539 litres. Delivery of the EV will commence from June 2026 across India.

Like Model Y, the new EV will be sold in India as a completely built unit (CBU), attracting an import tariff of 100%. Though the Model Y L has not yet been launched in the US, Tesla introduced the version in China last year, where it starts at 339,000 yuan ($49,687.80 or ₹46.60 lakh), as per Reuters.

Tesla entered the Indian market last year with Model Y (RWD), at a starting price of ₹60 lakh, which goes up to ₹68 lakh for the long-range variant. As per reports, Tesla is offering up to ₹2 lakh discount on the MY2025 Model Y inventory.

Bellingham buys minority stake in Hundred franchise

England star footballer Jude Bellingham has bought a minority stake in Hundred franchise Birmingham Phoenix, worth around one million British Pounds. Warwickshire, the co-owners of the franchise along with Knighthead Capital, announced that the Real Madrid midfielder, who grew up in Birmingham has purchased a small stake from both parties.

CSK WALKING THE TIGHTROPE

The franchise, once the epitome of consistency, are running the risk of being left behind after another below-par start to the season; focus also on captain Gaikwad to address issues

GOMESH S @ Chennai

Former CSK captain MS Dhoni with his teammates during a training session in Hyderabad | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

WILL MS Dhoni feature in the clash between Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede on Thursday? Over the last few days, it has been the big question surrounding the five-time champions who once again find themselves in trouble. Two wins and four losses in six matches mean Super Kings seem like a team that is in dire need of a saviour, someone capable of engineering a turnaround. While that has only added to the intrigue of Dhoni's imminent return — the former captain is yet to play a match due to a calf strain — a bigger concern looms over the five-time champions.

In the third season since initiating a transition — Dhoni handed the captaincy to Ruturaj Gaikwad in 2024 — Super Kings are seemingly worse than when the transition began. The men in Yellow were once the bedrock of consistency. In 2025, that cloak of consistency was shattered as they failed to advance to the playoffs in back-to-back campaigns for the first time. Now, they are in danger of missing the bus for a third season in a row.

It is the one thing Dhoni made sure and reiterated like a favourite sound track on repeat. "Your franchise pays so much money for you, you should at least make the semi-finals. After that you can say it is a lottery," he had said famously after an un-Dhoniesque emotional reaction to qualifying in 2010. Cut to 2026 and Dhoni continues to dominate the conversation. But is it a good sign for the franchise?

The 2023 season, when Dhoni was leading, seemed like a farewell tour for the big man. Everywhere CSK went, their fans materialised. It was one big party for the side and their fans when Ravindra Jadeja won the title off the last ball of a rain-affected thriller before being lifted by Dhoni himself. CSK identified Gaikwad as a successor, handed him the captaincy while Dhoni was still around. The first year did not go as per plans. They missed out on playoffs but the season was not their worst. But last year, CSK started behind the eight ball and never really caught up. To try and revive a flagging franchise, they handed the captaincy back to Dhoni after Gaikwad picked up an injury. It was a big call but one they didn't necessarily get right. They wanted to move on but their succession plan — once it hit a roadblock — seemingly crumbled.

Truth be told, Super Kings admittedly misread the mega auction — head coach Stephen Fleming has said as much multiple times — and are still feeling the effects of it. Because when mistakes are made in a mega auction, it is bound to cost the franchise not just that year but also the three-year cycle. Which is why, despite the course corrections and injury replacement signings, they are still not able to get out of a hole they find themselves in.

Super Kings know it all too well. They were once frontrunners in reading the T20 game, especially the IPL format; five titles and 10 finals is an unbelievable record in a famously fickle game. They are the only franchise to have not changed coaches in over 15 years. They knew what worked and what didn't. They wrote the first grammar of the sport in an Indian context. Now? They are in danger of being left behind. Unless they are willing to embrace a more modern approach.

It showed in the trade where they brought in Sanju Samson and let go of Jadeja. Samson is a crowd puller, someone who can be the face of the franchise post Dhoni. He is an established IPL captain who can step up if it comes to it. However, one move seldom fixes things. That they spent ₹28.4 crores on two uncapped talents while not securing several international starts in the mini-auction is also catching up.

The biggest question still remains. Is Gaikwad the man for the job? There is no doubt about his talent or batting pedigree. He is a star made in the CSK lab. Signed in 2018 for ₹20 lakhs, Super Kings allowed him to grow for five years — two of which were title-winning runs where he stepped up with the bat — before handing him the reins. However, it is never easy to fill the shoes of a captain who has won five titles. Even more so when he is still around on the field or in the dugout. It means every move, every mistake, will be compared and scrutinised when they do not work. Only Gaikwad can explain the pressure that comes with it.

While he missed most of the 2025 season, this year was his chance to step out of the shadows and shine as a leader. Dhoni was injured, not coming to the ground on match days, not travelling with the team on away games until last week. But Gaikwad has, simply put, struggling to step up. He knows that there is pressure to deliver. The Maharashtra batter has had one of his worst runs with the bat. There is also the question of tactics, team selection and management of Ayush Mhatre's (who is now ruled out for the season) injury.

It all showed when they went down to SRH last week. Former CSK player R Ashwin did not mince his words whilst talking on JioHotstar. "I just feel he is under immense pressure, and his mind appears to be a bit cluttered," he said.

On Thursday, with murmurs of Dhoni taking the field — he did keeping practice in Mumbai 48 hours before the game — Super Kings will have multiple questions to answer. How long can they keep going back to the 44-year-old? What is the answer if they do not qualify — they have to win six out of eight to be safe — and who will be held accountable? Thursday's result will tell more.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

THE HEADLINER

Two of the most storied IPL franchises, Chennai and Mumbai, are stuck near the foot of the table. A look at what could be a pivotal clash as the league approaches the half-way stage...

Samson vs Bumrah

Sanju Samson has blown hot and cold so far. He has to bring his A game against Jasprit Bumrah. The pacer has had a strange old tournament to date as he endured five wicketless matches before picking up his first wicket of the season. But his other, greater qualities have meant he has remained economical.

Santner's traits

Chennai will know all about the threat posed by Mitchell Santner's use of crease and variations. But while Chennai kept him on the bench, Mumbai are already showing why he's a potent weapon. Against Gujarat on Monday, he picked up two wickets. He may be a finger-spinner by trade but his economy of 7.3 in IPL cricket shows he can't easily be put away.

Eyes on Gaikwad

This point, unfortunately for the Chennai captain, is a near permanent fixture for the team these days. He has let them down in the powerplay, especially in an era where batting units have weaponised this phase beyond belief. Will this be the game where he finally rediscovers his mojo?

82 No of runs Ruturaj has in six matches

MI vs CSK, Mumbai, 7.30pm, LIVE on Star Sports and Hotstar

'Practical' Venkatesh waits for his chance to shine

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VENKATESH Iyer is a very practical person. It's very easy to come to that conclusion. He himself says it but it's also reflected in his approach to life and career.

In 2024, he was an IPL champion with Kolkata Knight Riders. He could do no wrong. In 2025, after the franchise signed him back for ₹23.75 cr, he couldn't produce the same numbers.

KKR released him. Just the life of an IPL player. Royal Challengers Bengaluru signed him for ₹7 cr. For a few players, it can be hard to process this reality. When you ask the 31-year-old how he processed it, his answer was laced with humour but he holds no grudges. "There will be days when you think if 'I had a good year last season, my bank account would go up by another ₹24 cr' (smiles)," he says. "That's the obvious thought, right? But you are signing up for it.

"You are signing up for extra responsibility. At the end of the day, you got to accept that you did not justify what happened." In 2024, the southpaw struck at 158.8 while averaging 46. The two corresponding figures in 2025 were 139.2 and 20.2. He very quickly made peace with it because there was always constant communication between him and Abhishek Nayar as to why KKR were going to release him. While he concedes that he felt bad when the franchise released him, he's looking forward to winning titles with Royal Challengers Bengaluru. The first challenge, though, is to feature in the XI (or XII). Out of the six games they have played, he has featured only once.

"It does (play on your mind when you are sitting out)," he says. "But, see, this is a professional sport. Not used to sitting out but this is a team environment. And as someone who places the team above everything else, it's my duty to adhere to the environment. We are obviously the defending champions. So to tinker with a combination that has won you a Championship is not always the smartest move. As someone who's walked into a team, it's my duty to understand the dynamics of the team."

This kind of self-awareness — usually lacking in a lot of sportspersons — shines through on multiple occasions. "Money is money," he says. "But, yeah, as long as I understood that it's going to be better for the team, whatever setup, I had to be okay with it. I don't have any other option also."

But he ensures that motivation is on point while he waits in the dugout for his chance. "It's something that you can't prepare for (to wait for that one opportunity)," he says. "But I'm a practical person. I know how things work. When I look at the team, I know there's a realistic chance that I can be benched. That's okay. That's the beauty of the game, it shows you so many things. Even this time, it's important to stay motivated because you can easily get desperate. You can easily lose out on your work ethic. So I train my mind in such a way that I'm going to play every game."

He also says that the communication from the RCB leadership group has been on point. "They've given me absolute clarity. Sitting outside does not mean that I'm not a part of their plans. It's definitely a matter of when rather than if."

Why he carries a red-ball with him

The Madhya Pradesh cricketer is an all-rounder by vocation but the Impact Player rule has completely eliminated his secondary skill-set. Bowling an over or two. In his last 41 IPL games stretching back to 2023, he has bowled a total of six balls.

If the Impact Player is going to stay — there's no reason to suggest it won't — Venkatesh may not get to bowl a lot of balls. It's something he also says.

But like other cricketers during the T20 era, he's constantly upskilling himself. In this context, it involves Josh Hazlewood, a red-ball and a desire to win the Ranji Trophy. "I make it a point, whichever team I go in, I try to identify someone who has played a lot of red-ball cricket. This year, I have Hazlewood." It's because he feels he can contribute extensively with the ball in the longer format of the game. "My conversations with them are about how I can improve my red-ball bowling. Because I know my role in white-ball. I know I won't be bowling four overs.

"Because I want to go back home and win the Ranji Trophy once again. And I know that I can do it with the ball in hand. So every year I have a red-ball in my kit bag (when I come for the IPL."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Jadeja's experience to the fore as RR beat LSG

ENS @ Chennai

Ravindra Jadeja hit unbeaten 43 and picked up one wicket on Wednesday | AFP

RAVINDRA Jadeja's all-round effort (43 n.o and 1/29) helped Rajasthan Royals post a 40-run win over Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL in Lucknow.

RR were reeling at 62/4 after 9 overs when the left-handed Jadeja arrived at the crease. Jadeja relied on ones and twos for large part of his innings before finishing with two fours and a six in the final over of the RR innings, helping the team post a respectable 159/6 in the process.

In reply, LSG got off to a disastrous start as they lost three wickets within the third over. Opener Mitchell Marsh offered some resistance but he lacked support from the other end. Just as Marsh and Nicholas Pooran were looking to steady the ship, Jadeja chipped in with a crucial wicket of the latter. Marsh, whose innings comprised of six fours and two sixes, reached his fifty but once he was dismissed, it was all but over for LSG. Later, pacer Jofra Archer finished off the tail and ended up with figures of 3/20 in his four overs. LSG, meanwhile, were dismissed for 119.

Brief scores: RR 159/6 in 20 ovs (Jadeja 43 n.o, Hetmyer 22; Mohsin 2/17, Prince 2/29, Shami 2/30) **bt** LSG 119 in 18 ovs (Marsh 55; Archer 3/20).

EXPRESS READ

Ex-EPL champs Leicester relegated to 3rd division

LONDON: Former Premier League champion Leicester will be playing in the third tier of English soccer next season. Leicester, which sealed the unlikeliest title win of the Premier League a decade ago, needed a victory Tuesday to maintain hope of avoiding relegation but drew 2-2 with Hull. The midlands club, which also won the FA Cup in 2021, is second to last in the second-tier Championship.

3 cricketers suspended on assault charges

PUDUCHERRY: Cricket Association of Pondicherry has suspended three of its first-class cricketers with immediate effect on allegations that they assaulted U19 team coach Venkataraman last year, the state body said. The players — J Karthikeyan, S Santhosh Kumaran & A Aravindaraj — have all played for Puducherry across Ranji Trophy, Vijay Hazare & Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in recent years.

Junior TT: Abhinand shines in TN's title win

DEHRADUN: Top seeds Tamil Nadu stamped their authority with a 3-1 win over Maharashtra to clinch the U-19 boys' team title at the UTT Inter-State Junior and Youth National Table Tennis Championships on Wednesday. Tamil Nadu's charge was led by the rock-solid P B Abhinand, who delivered commanding wins over Neil Mulye and Kushal Chopda, sealing the title in style in the reverse singles.

Four boxers elevated to TOPS Core Group

NEW DELHI: Boxers Preeti Pawar, Priya, Arundhati Chaudhary and Sachin have been promoted to the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Core group following their impressive performances at the 2026 Asian Boxing Elite Championships, while three others have been inducted into the Development group. The decision was taken during the Mission Olympic Cell meeting.

Jr shooters win three silver & a bronze on Day 2

AGENCIES @ Cairo

INDIA'S junior shooters picked up four more medals, including three silver and a bronze, on day two of the ISSF Junior World Cup here on Wednesday. India are currently third on the medal tally as athletes from Kazakhstan and Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN) won four of the five gold on offer on competition day two.

Rohit Kanyan gave India their first silver of the day in the 50m rifle prone men junior event with an effort of 615.8, just 0.5 behind Kazakhstan's gold winning Oleg Noskov. Sejal Kamble then topped the junior women's 25m pistol qualifiers with a score of 580 and then went on to finish second in the final with 27 hits. AIN's Katsiaryna Ivanova took gold with 31 hits in the eight five-shot series final.

India secured a second double podium in the competition after Shiva Narwal and Chirag Sharma's heroics on day one, with Raj Chandra shooting 580 and Abhinav Deshwal 578, for silver and bronze respectively in the 25m pistol men junior event.

Kazakhstan took gold again with Kirill Tsukanov shooting 581. In the junior women's skeet, Risham Guron qualified second with a score of 115 and then finished seventh in the final.

Eala in Madrid Open second round

AGENCIES @ Madrid

FILIPINA star Alexandra Eala enjoyed a strong start to her Madrid Open campaign on Wednesday, moving past Russian qualifier Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-3, 6-3 to reach the second round at the event for the third straight year. The 44th-ranked lefty needed one hour and 31 minutes to dismiss Pavlyuchenkova, who was a semi-finalist in the Spanish capital in 2021.

The 34-year-old Pavlyuchenkova, a former French Open runner-up currently ranked 116 in the world, is 0-6 in tour-level main draw matches so far this season.

Eala saved all four break points she faced and broke Pavlyuchenkova twice in a tightly-contested 54-minute opening set. The 20-year-old phenom briefly lost her advantage in the second set but swept eight points in a row to regain her lead and book a clash with 19th seed Elise Mertens. "I feel really great. I love Madrid, it's an amazing tournament," said Eala, who has been training at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Mallorca for almost eight years.

In ATP action at the Caja Magica, 2021 Madrid finalist Matteo Berrettini crashed out to Croatian qualifier Dino Prizmic 6-3, 6-4. Prizmic will next take on American fourth seed Ben Shelton.

Meanwhile, former US Open champion Marin Cilic claimed his first Madrid Open win since 2022 with a hard-fought 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 performance against World No 44 Zizou Bergs.

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

After 5 straight PL losses, Rosenior sacked as Chelsea manager

Brighton's Ferdi Kadioglu (R) celebrates with teammate Kaoru Mitoma | AFP

AGENCIES @ London

LIAM Rosenior has been sacked as Chelsea manager following a run of five successive Premier League defeats, the club announced on Wednesday.

The 41-year-old had only been in charge for just over three months after being lured away from French side Strasbourg which is affiliated to Chelsea's American owners.

Chelsea's 3-0 defeat at the hands of Brighton on Tuesday proved the last straw. It is the first time Chelsea have lost five consecutive league games without scoring since 1912, a run which has left them seven points adrift of the Champions League places. "Chelsea Football Club has today parted company with Head Coach Liam Rosenior," read a club statement. "Liam has always conducted himself with the highest integrity and professionalism following his appointment midway through the season.

"This has not been a decision the Club has taken lightly, however recent results and performances have fallen below the necessary standards with still so much more to play for this season." Calum McFarlane will be in charge in a caretaker capacity, the club added, with his first match an FA Cup semi-final against Leeds United on Sunday.

Real Madrid sink Alaves

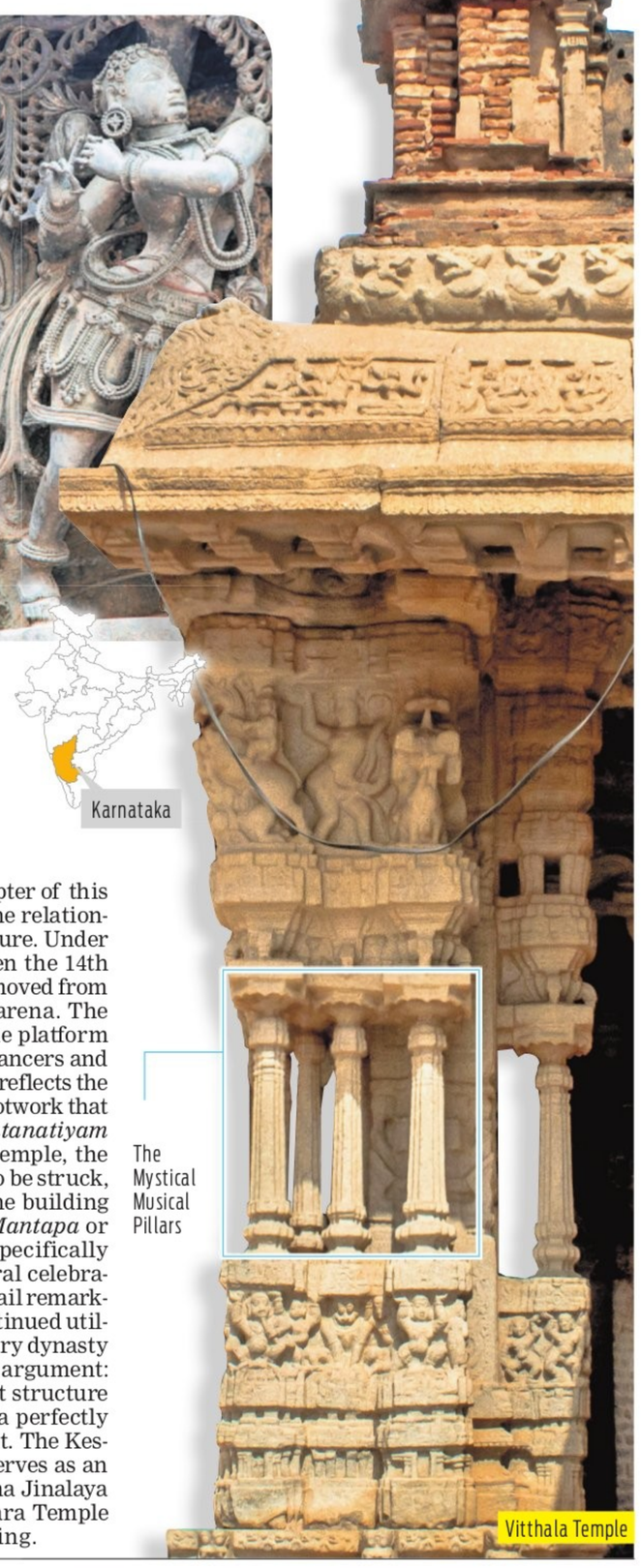
MADRID: Kylian Mbappe and Vinicius Junior scored as Real Madrid beat Alaves 2-1 on Tuesday to cling on to their slim hopes of catching Barcelona in La Liga. Mbappe struck his league-leading 24th goal, but first since early February, with a deflected shot on the half hour at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Fairmont Agra, a luxury hotel on the banks of the Yamuna River, close to the Taj Mahal, set to open soon.

North Goa to welcome Kings Mansion, an ultra-luxury 48-room resort with a beach deck and lots more.

SET IN STONE

A trail across **Karnataka** that traces sculptures, temples, caves and ruins that serve as a living history of India's classical dance...



SRUSHTI KULKARNI

THE earliest notation system of India's classical dance traditions was architectural. Across Karnataka, a trail of temples and cave shrines spanning nearly a thousand years — from the Chalukyan caves of Badami to the Vijayanagara ruins of Hampi — preserves the physical language of dance in granite and soapstone with a precision that no manuscript has matched. Dance students across India still visit these sites as part of their formal curriculum, measuring their own postures against figures carved eight centuries before them.

The trail begins in the 7th century with the Chalukyas, who established the grammar. Badami's Cave 1 houses an 18-armed Nataraja whose every arm holds a position catalogued in the *Natya Shastra*, the foundational Sanskrit treatise on the artform. Traced in sequence, the arms map a series of *karanas* — discrete movement units — making the carving less a devotional image than a kinetic diagram. At the Ravana Phadi cave in Aihole, the sculptural focus shifts to *parsva janu* or side-knee positions: an early articulation of the balance and turnout that defines *bharatanatyam*'s physical vocabulary to this day. Pattadakal's Virupaksha Temple, a *UNESCO World Heritage site*, broadens the frame entirely, its friezes place dance within scenes of social life, confirming that performance here was never exclusively sacred as always imagined.

The Hoysalas arrived in the 12th century with softer material and more ambition. Working in soapstone, which yields to fine carving when freshly quarried and hardening over time, craftsmen at Belur and Halebidu achieved a level of detail that the harder rock of earlier dynasties simply could not accommodate. At the Chennakeshava Temple in Belur, 42 bracket figures known as *madanikas* line the outer walls, each caught in a distinct dance posture. One holds a mirror and embodies *sringara rasa* — the aesthetic of love; another freezes the exact moment of syncopation between a drummer and a dancer. The star-shaped temple platforms were not decorative geometry. They were stages engineered to distribute a dancer's movement across 360 degrees, a spatial logic that still informs how performers are trained to occupy this space.

Hampi marks both the final chapter of this trail and a fundamental shift in the relationship between dance and architecture. Under the Vijayanagara Empire, between the 14th and 16th centuries, performance moved from the inner sanctum to the public arena. The Mahanavami Dibba — a vast stone platform whose relief carvings document dancers and musicians at the Dasara festival — reflects the rise of the percussive, rhythmic footwork that would come to define both *bharatanatiyam* and *kuchipudi*. At the Vitthala Temple, the musical pillars were constructed to be struck, each producing a specific note. The building was the instrument. The *Maha Mantapa* or *Natya Mandapa*, was designed specifically for for performing arts and cultural celebrations like these. What makes this trail remarkable is not its antiquity but its continued utility. These sites function, across every dynasty and century, as a single extended argument: that movement has structure, that structure can be codified and that stone is a perfectly adequate medium in which to do it. The Keshava Temple at Somanathapura serves as an extension of this trail. The Brahma Jinalaya in Lakkundi and the Aghoreshwara Temple in Ikkeri also make for good viewing.

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-V/s-

RESPONDENT/s: VALUE B INFRAA AND VALUE B FABTECH PVT. LTD. REP. BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR

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This is to notify General Public that my Clients, Giriraj Malu and Anil Kumar Jain M,have lost/misplaced the Original Sale Deed dated 04.07.2022, and registered as Document No.VJN-1-03250-2022-23, Book-I, stored in CD No.VJND1098, in the office of the Sub-registrar Vijayanagar, pertaining to Western Portion of Southern Portion of property bearing Municipal No.32,PID No.37-111-32, old Khata No.1078, situated at 8th Cross, Sanjeevininagar (previously formed in Sy. No.64 of Pattegarapalya, Hamlet of Malagala Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Bangalore , now coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP, old ward no.37, new ward no.103. In this regard a Lost Report No.2165293/2026 was lodged before the Bengaluru City Police on 21.04.2026.

Any person having any claim or objections whatsoever may represent to the undersigned within 7 days from this date failing which it will be taken that there are no objections whatsoever. Further, if any person misuses the said document, the same is not binding on my client and they shall do so at their own risk.

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Government of Karnataka
Department Of Archaeology, Museums And Heritage, Mysore
Karnataka Exhibition Authority Premises, Indiranagara, Mysuru-570010, Telephone No : 0821-2424673/74, ,
Email- commr_amh@yahoo.in, Web : https://archaeology.karnataka.gov.in, https://nammakarnataka.in

Notification Number: DAMH/CW/T-01/2026-27 Date: 17.04.2026

On behalf of the Governor, Government of Karnataka, the department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Mysuru has invited the item wise tender for the 01 Conservation Work **(DAMH/2024-25/OW/WORK INDENT-215/Call-2) & 04 Service Tender (DAMH/2025-26/SE0036/Call-3, SE0037/Call-3, SE0022/Call-7 & SE0045/Call-02) & 01 Goods Tender (DAMH/2025-26/IND0004/Call-02).** The amount of maximam **Rs.82.48 lakhs** & minimum **Rs.10.00 lakhs** as per the tender documents KW-3 under the tender documents and RFP for Service Tenders. The Tender documents can be obtained through **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** e-portal from date: **18.04.2026** onwards.

Last date and time of any Queries for tender	**24.04.2026, 17.00 hrs**
Last date and time of tender submission	**04.05.2026, 16.00 hrs**
Opening of Date and Time of Technical bid	**06.05.2026, 16.30 hrs**
Opening of Date and Time of Financial bid	**07.05.2026, 11.00 hrs**

Sd/- Commissioner
Department of Archaeology, Museums And Heritage, Mysore.

DIPR/MYSORE/SHIRDISAI/84/2026-27

ASHWATHAPURA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.
No.1206, Ranganatha Complex, 12th Cross, M.C.Layout, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore – 560040. Tel: **080-23109091.** Email:**ashwathpura@gmail.com**

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Where as the Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd., acting through its Chief Executive Officer / Authorised Officer, in exercise of its powers under Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction has decided to put up for E-Auction the Schedule property for realization of the debts due to the Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd., upon the following of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) terms and conditions:

CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION

a) E-Auction is being held on **AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER IS THERE AND WITHOUT RECOURACE BASIS** and the **Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd., (Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamita)** is not responsible for title, condition or any other fact affecting the property.

b) The E-auction will take place through portal https://bankauctions.in. on mentioned date at the time has mentioned below :-

c) The intending tenderer/bidder shall deposit with the Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer an amount equivalent to 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of, **Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd., SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Basaveshwaranagara Branch, Bangalore by Demand Draft or NEFT/RTGS to Savings Account No: 116003130005857 and IFSC Code: SVCB0000160 at the same time bidder has to submit the e-bid form available on https://bankauctions.in/** before the date and time mentioned above and shall obtain written receipt thereof from the branch/Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer.

d) Bidder should have valid digital signature certificate (Class-ii/iii) to participate in the e-auction. For details with regards to digital signature, registration and training may please contact **M/s. 4Closure, Hyderabad. Contact Details: 08142000062/66 and +91-8142000809 (Bengaluru) Email ID: info@bankauctions.in and karnataka@bankauction.in**

e) The particulars specified in Schedule have been stated to the best of information of the **Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.,** and the **Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.,** will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission.

f) For the reasons recorded, it shall be in the EMD submitted and Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd., would not entertain any claim or any representation in that regard from the bidders.

g) The person declared to be the successful bidder shall deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of sale price, less EMD deposited immediately and remaining amount shall be paid within **15 days** from the date of auction. In case of failure to adhere any payment schedule, the amount paid will be forfeited and Authorise Officer will be at liberty to cancel the auction and conduct fresh auction.

h) On receipt of the entire sale consideration the Authorised Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate and the sale shall be complete thereafter and the **Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.,** shall entertain no claims.

I) Noting in this notice constitutes or will be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the **Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.**, to sell the property. **Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.,** reserves the right to cancel the sale for any reason it may deem fit or even without assigning any reason and such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.

1. Name and address of the Borrower and Guarantor/Co-Obligant: 1.Mr. Sunil Raikar, S/o Jnaneshwar Subray Raikar, No. E D-36, Kamakshi Krupa, 1st Main, 7th Cross, Near Old Gangamma Temple Street, Ganganagara, Bengaluru- 560 032. **Guarantor-1: Mr.Vinay Babu B, S/o Bala Kambanna,** No.82/1, ITI Layout, Pulakeshinagara, Benson Town, Bengaluru- 560 046. **Guarantor-2: Mr.Selvamani, S/o Chinnatambi,** 3rd Cross, Seethappa Layout, Neelakanteshwara Temple, Chamundinagara, Bengaluru-560 032.
The secured debt for the recovery of which the movable/ immovable secured asset is to be sold: **A/c No. SCL00012200004 Rs.46,91,877=00 (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Seven Only)** as on 29.04.2024.
Demand Notice Dated: 29.04.2024 **Possession Notice Dated: 12.09.2024**
Description of immovable secured assets to be sold: All the piece and parcel of the Residential site/cum house property bearing site No.82 and 89, CMC Khatha No.24, Kempapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru measuring East to West 40 feet's and North to South 40 feet's in all total measuring 1600 Sq.ft's and 5 squares constructed house on it and bounded by the following; **East by:** 20 feet Road, **West by:** Site No.83 & 88, **North by:** Site No.76, **South by:** Others Property
Reserve Price: Rs.81,60,000/- **EMD Amount: Rs.8,16,000/-**
Date & Time of auction: 22.05.2026 11:00 pm to 12:00 pm (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)

E auction website - https://bankauctions.in. Increment value Rs.10,000/- & such multiples, Last date for submission of EMD & e-Bid Form: On or before 21.05.2026 before 4.30 PM.

E auction website: https://bankauctions.in Contact Persons: Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd., Mr. Sathish Kumar.H.S.: Ph: 9741755455 (M/s Supreme Enforcement Services). Mr. Shivashankar A. Mob: 9480401348.

Date: 21.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Ashwathapura Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.,

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of A.P. Undertaking)
VIDYUT SOUDHA, VIJAYAWADA-520004

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender ID	:	924555
Subject in brief	:	Upper Sileru - Stoplog gates.
Amount	:	Rs.1.62 Crores.
Closing date	:	14.05.2026 at 3.30 PM

Please visit **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**
DIPR No.5040PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 22/04/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).
A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Rajesh Basavaraj/ Poornima Krishnamurthy/ No.34 1st Main, 1st Cross, Nagarabhavi Village Bangalore- 560072/ LBBNG00004878715	Schedule 'A' Property All The Piece and Parcel of The Property Bearing Sy Nos. 30, 31 & 32, Measuring 13 Acre 01 Guntas, Situated At Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, Within The Revenue Jurisdiction of Bmrda, Bangalore, in The Project Called As 'La-Ville Township', and Bounded on: North By : Survey No 28 and 29, South By : Survey No 47, East By : Survey No 142 and 145 West By : Survey No 177. Schedule 'B' Property All The Piece and Parcel of Residential Plot Bearing No.77, Having E Khatha No. 150200102700422554 No. 248/77 Being Residential Lands Measuring East to West 12.190 Mts North to South 9.140 Mts, in All Measuring 111.42 Sq. Mtrs in The Schedule 'A' Property Situated At Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban and Bounded on: East By : Road West By : Site No. 99 North By : Site No.78 South By : Site No. 76.	10.03.2026 Rs. 36,42,292.72/-	03-02-2026
2.	Mamatha Rajachar/ Raja Chari R/ Flat No.108 A Block, Isha Lake Front Apartment, 24th Main Opp Lake, Sector 2 Hsr Layout, Bangalore- 560102/ LBBNG00006076980	Schedule-A Property (Entire Property) Item No.1 All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Residential Converted Property Bearing Survey No 70 to An Extent of 7 Acres and 25.12 Guntas Situated At Pandithana Agrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and Bounded on The: - East By : Land Bearing Sy No.69 West By : Land Bearing Sy No.92 North By : Land Bearing Sy No.95/2 South By : Land Bearing Sy No.73 and Remaining Portion of Land in Sy No 70 Schedule-a Property (Entire Property) Item No.2 All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Residential Converted Property Bearing Survey No 95/2 to An Extent of 1 Acres And 6 Guntas Situated At Pandithana Agrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and Bounded on The: - East By : Land Bearing Sy No.69 West By : Land Bearing Sy No. 92 North By : Remaining Portion of Land in Sy No.95/2 South By : Land Bearing Sy No.70 Schedule-B Property (Property Hereby Sold) All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Being Vacant Residential Converted Site Bearing No.54, Khatha No.744/54, Pid No. 150200102201320341 Situated In Survey Numbers 70 and Sy No.95/2 to An Extent of 8 Acres and 31.12 Guntas Having Approval From Anekal Planning Authority, Approval No Lao/49/2015-16 Dated 16-03-2016 and Known As "White Pearl Ph-1 Situated At Pandithana Agrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, For Site No.54 Measuring East to West By 12 Meters, North to South By 9 Meters, Total Measuring 108 Sq. Meters or 1162.50 Sq. Ft., Bounded By: East By : Site No 65 West By : 9 Meters Road North By : Site No 55 South By : Site No 53	10.03.2026 Rs. 3,80,309.86/-	03-02-2026
3.	Venugopal K V/ No.1615, 2nd Floor, 19th Main Road, 5th Cross, Muneshwara Block, Girinagar, Bangalore South Bangalore- 560026/ LBBNG00006658552/ TBBNG00006626183	As Described in The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing House No.82, Situated At 2nd Stage, 3rd Cross, (aravindnagar), Chikkaharadanahalli Village, Chamaraj Mohal, Mysore City, Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 20 Feet Total 600 Sq.feet, and A 425 Square Feet R.C.C. Mosaic Flooring Dwelling House With Electricity, Water and Sanitary Facilities, My Share of 50% of The Property, is The Undivided Property Subject to This Release of Title and Bounded on The: North:property No.83; South: Property No.81; East: Road; West: Citb Site	25.03.2026 Rs. 30,70,882.80/-	03-02-2026

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: April 23, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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DAY'S DIARY

New record

Chris Gayle set a world record in 2013, by scoring the fastest-ever T20 century (off just 30 balls) for Royal Challengers Bengaluru

PREVIOUS HIGHLIGHTS

The 30-ball ton beats the previous 34-ball T20 record set by Australia's Andrew Symonds in 2004. The record in 50-over cricket is Shahid Afridi's 37-ball century for Pakistan in 1996

THE GAME

The West Indies opener battered the Pune Warriors with a century, including seven dot balls, four singles, eight fours and 11 sixes at the Chinnaswamy Stadium

SEMI-RETIRED

In 2021, Gayle played his last T20I match against Australia. However, he has not announced his retirement from international cricket yet

CE's curated list of B'luru events

PG 2

Whether it's Krunal Pandya's bold cornrows hairdo during a recent RCB match, KL Rahul's sharp bearded look or Virat Kohli's adventurous streak... celebrity hairstylist Aalim Hakim reveals behind-the-scenes of styling cricketers

MANE OF THE MATCH!

Krunal Pandya sported cornrows in matches against Mumbai Indians and Lucknow Super Giants

KL Rahul

Virat Kohli has been a regular client of Hakim's for the last 15 years

Aalim Hakim styling MS Dhoni

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

FOR IPL fans watching recent Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) matches, Krunal Pandya taking the run up was an eye-catching moment not just for the anticipation of the star bowler taking a crucial wicket, but for the bold braided hairstyle he sported. Revealing the story behind the look which Pandya first rocked in the nail-biting match against Mumbai Indians (MI), celebrity hairstylist Aalim Hakim says, "He has been growing out his hair and wanting a new look without cutting it short. It was his idea to do cornrows but the timing wasn't aligning. Finally, the morning before the match, we took two and a half hours for it. When he went on the ground, it became quite the head-turner, everyone was noticing the new look, especially since the match had brother playing against brother [Krunal's brother Hardik Pandya plays for MI]." He adds, "He's done cornrows before too, both brothers are attracted to Caribbean fashion and also like West Indian players – they love to keep things bold with chains, diamond studs, etc."

Cornrows, a hairstyle originating in Africa and the Caribbean is known to be a protective style for coarser, dryer hair common in people with African heritage. When doing it on finer Indian hair like Pandya's, some adjustments need to be made, as Hakim explains, "The braids hold better with textured hair but with Indian hair, you need to use a lot of hair gel to make it hold. If you're doing them with dreadlocks, it's even harder as you need to work with a needle to lock in the air. But for Pandya, we kept it simple with clean rows and beads."

Hakim, a top celebrity hairstylist for decades now, is no stranger to working with cricketers – RCB's Virat Kohli and Bengaluru boy KL Rahul apart from MS Dhoni, Jaspreet Bumrah and more. Speaking about each player's uniquely different approaches to style, Hakim notices, "Virat is a style icon who really got the game started in terms of bringing style and individuality to cricket and I'd say, the most adventurous of the three. KL's swag has started to change recently – he's looking sharper with his beard and keeps his hair very classy too. He knows what he wants and his sense of aesthetics is very strong. Krunal is different from both of them and very right-in-your-face and bold"

Despite these vastly different personalities and preferences, there is one common factor when styling cricketers, as Hakim says, "They typically don't like growing out their hair or anything that could get in their eyes because at the end of the day, their focus is on the match. I had to chop off Virat's hair the day before the IPL."

With actors and musicians, the goal at the centre of each look is vastly different. "Actors' looks are all about the character they're portraying and for musicians, the goal is for the hair to look dynamic. With the outfits, shoes and accessories all being loud, the hair too has to match up" says Hakim.

For those who saw Pandya taking wickets against MI and Lucknow Super Giants with style and want to channel a bit of that suaveness themselves, Hakim has words of both caution and reassurance. "I've always believed that if you have the confidence, people with any face shape or body type can pull this off. But if you have hairfall or a receding hairline, be careful not to tie the braids too tight – you will keep losing hair."

All in all, the pro hairstylist has one crucial piece of advice for young men looking to cricket icons to find their own sense of style: make the look your own. "Don't get carried away by looking at models or celebrities. Get inspired by them but don't copy them – customise your haircut according to your face," he says.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Pulakeshinagar;
2) Bangalore East Railway Station;
3) Sarvagnanagara

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Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Avani S;
2) HR Sethuram;
3) Mohana Shakila

CITY READ

61st Femina Miss India crowned

The 61st edition of India's national pageant concluded at KIIT University, where Sadhvi Sail from Goa was named Femina Miss India World 2026. Sail will represent the country at the upcoming Miss World competition. The event, held at KIIT Bhubaneswar, also saw Rajnandini Pawar and Sree Advaita as the first and second runner-ups, respectively.

TWO NOTES, ONE MUSICAL SOUL

PHOENIX MARKETCITY

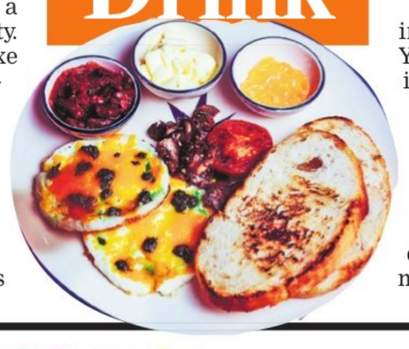
Singers Javed Ali and Usha Uthup leave fans enthralled as they bring two distinct musical evenings to Bengaluru, each carrying their unmistakable voice and storytelling presence. Set within a traditional baithak-style mehfil, Uthup performed as part of Ibtida – Ek Qissa

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover and travel enthusiast)

Play Eat Drink

There is a broader cultural shift in how B'luru spends its leisure time with the city now gravitating towards participatory spaces where food and drink enhance, rather than define, the experience



BENGALURU'S social landscape has long embraced reinvention, from the cafe boom and brewpub culture to speakeasies and experiential dining. More recently, a new format has begun to reshape the city's leisure economy: gaming-led social spaces that seamlessly combine interactive entertainment with thoughtfully-curated food and beverage programmes. What distinguishes this shift is not merely the presence of games, but a move towards participation, placing movement, play, and shared experiences at the centre of going out.

In a city defined by screen-heavy lifestyles, there is a growing appetite for more physical, social engagement. This is increasingly visible in the rise of sport-led formats, with activities such as pickleball and padel finding their way into hospitality spaces. At venues such as Loco Bear, Loco Lane, Dave & Buster's, The Yard, Depot 18, Amoeba and Torq03, this evolution is clearly visible – hybrid environments where play, dining, and social interaction coexist fluidly, redefining the contours of urban leisure.

At Loco Lane on Residency Road, this philosophy takes on a theatrical, almost carnivalesque form. The space thrives on sensory immersion, bold visuals, kinetic energy, and a sense of controlled spontaneity. Its gaming formats, from axe throwing to augmented reality darts and shuffleboard, are designed not merely as activities but as social rituals that foster camaraderie and friendly rivalry. This energy extends seamlessly into its bar and kitchen. The cocktail programme leans into theatrical flair and bold flavour profiles, while the menu draws from global comfort food traditions, crafted for sharing between rounds of play. The result is a venue where dining and entertainment merge into a continuous, high energy experience.

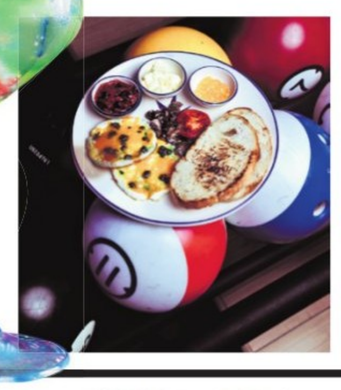
A more community-oriented interpretation emerges at The Yard in Whitefield. Here, familiar formats such as pool, foosball and darts are complemented by the addition of pickleball, signalling a shift towards sport driven engagement within social settings. Anchoring this is a strong culinary identity that spans Indian street food, Asian flavours and global favourites. The inclusion of an all day cafe further broadens its appeal, positioning the space as a day to night destination where work, leisure and dining intersect. It reflects a wider recalibration of urban hospitality, one that extends beyond nightlife into more holistic experience.

At Depot 18 in Jayamahal, the narrative evolves further with a design-led, lifestyle driven approach. The introduction of padel and pickleball courts adds a distinctly kinetic, outdoor dimension, moving beyond arcade style entertainment into skill based, socially engaging sport. Complemented by a mix of recreational zones, the space encourages both casual participation and competitive play. The presence of Lavonne Café lends strong culinary depth, anchoring the experience in artisanal cafe culture and reinforcing the importance of high-quality food and beverage within these hybrid formats.

Meanwhile, Torq03 in Marathahalli reflects the scale and ambition of this emerging category. Spread across a large format venue, it integrates electric karting, simulators, bowling, laser tag and arcade gaming within a structured, high-performance environment. Its collaborations with international karting and technology partners signal a growing demand for global standards in entertainment. Yet, even at this scale, food and beverage remain integral. Dining is embedded within the experience, allowing guests to move seamlessly between activity and socialising, a format particularly suited to Bengaluru's strong culture of group outings and corporate gatherings.

Equally telling is the reinvention of legacy formats. Amoeba, long associated with bowling and arcade gaming on Church Street, has re-emerged in a contemporary avatar aligned with evolving expectations. Its repositioning as an integrated sports and social destination, combining gaming, dining and live sports screenings, demonstrates how even established brands are adapting to an experience first mindset. Nostalgia continues to draw audiences, but it is now complemented by relevance, accessibility and a renewed focus on hospitality.

Collectively, these spaces signal a broader cultural shift in how Bengaluru spends its leisure time. Dining is no longer the sole anchor of a night out, nor is entertainment confined to passive consumption. Instead, the city is gravitating towards participatory environments, spaces where food and drink enhance, rather than define, the experience.



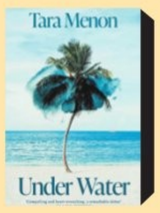
BOOK NOOK

Wild Wild East
by Tanul Thakur

The novel talks about the H-1B, a non-immigrant visa programme that has become a large-scale scam impacting millions of workers in the US and India. It exposes corruption, fraud and exploitation.

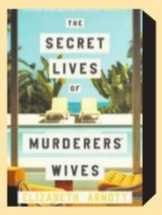
Famesick: A Memoir
by Lena Dunham

This book chronicles Lena Dunham's struggle with a chronic illness amid her rise to fame, discussing the toll of ambition and pain along with public scrutiny. It reflects on the complexities of living with an illness while navigating personal and professional pressures.



Under Water
by Tara Menon

The story of Marissa's journey from losing her mother at 5 and living on a small Thai island to adulthood in New York. It also reflects on environmental change and the impact of natural disasters on both people and nature.



The Secret Lives of Murderers' Wives
by Elizabeth Arnott

A sneak peek at 1960s California with a crime mystery in which three women form an unlikely friendship to solve a string of murders. Behind the false smiles lies the hard truth.

CLASSIC SYNC

Students of Shakti Dance School take to the stage with a classically-divine Bharatnatyam performance during the 26th Nrityostava at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICKFIX

STEAMED EGGS

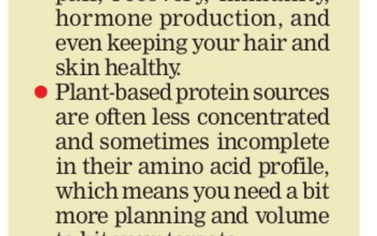
INGREDIENTS

- **Eggs:** 2
- **Water:** 3/4 cup
- **Soy sauce and chilli oil:** to taste
- **Sesame oil:** a few drops
- **Sesame seeds and spring onions (finely chopped):** for garnish

METHOD

- Crack the eggs into a bowl and beat well. Add water and a pinch of salt, then mix until fully combined.
- Strain the egg mixture and pour into a heatproof bowl. Cover tightly with cling wrap.
- Place the bowl in a double boiler and steam on medium heat for 10-12 minutes, or until set.
- Once cooked, keep the egg in the bowl and cut it into tiny squares using a knife.
- Drizzle soy sauce, chilli oil and sesame oil on top. Garnish with sesame seeds and spring onions. Serve warm.

Contributed by **Sonali,** Bengaluru



MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

Are protein shakes necessary for vegetarians trying to build muscle?

No. They're a convenience product, not a requirement.

- Muscles only respond to one thing: whether you're consistently meeting your daily protein needs.
- Protein is involved in repair, recovery, immunity, hormone production, and even keeping your hair and skin healthy.
- Plant-based protein sources are often less concentrated and sometimes incomplete in their amino acid profile, which means you need a bit more planning and volume to hit your targets.

ASK AN XPERT

- Lentils, chickpeas, paneer, curd, milk, tofu, soya chunks, nuts, seeds, and grains like quinoa can easily form a solid protein base when structured properly. If your diet is doing the job, you don't need shakes. If your diet is falling short, they can help you stay on track without over complicating things.
- Focus less on the source, and more on the consistency.

FITBIT

HOW YOUR GUT HEALTH SHAPES YOUR MOOD AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

Digestion and mental health are often treated as two separate areas. However, they are closely linked. The gut and brain are in constant communication through a system known as the gut-brain connection. This link plays a key role in how you feel, think and respond to stress.

UNDERSTANDING THE GUT-BRAIN LINK

- The digestive system has its own network of nerves, often called the "second brain." It works alongside the central nervous system and sends signals back and forth. This means your brain can influence digestion, and your gut can affect your mood and mental clarity.
- The gut is home to trillions of bacteria, known as the gut microbiome. These microbes help break down food, support immunity, and produce important chemicals like serotonin and dopamine. These chemicals directly influence mood, stress levels, and emotional balance.
- This is why stress or anxiety often shows up as digestive issues like bloating, discomfort or changes in appetite. The connection works both ways, and changes in gut health can also affect how you feel mentally.

HOW DAILY HABITS AFFECT THIS CONNECTION

Your lifestyle plays a major role in keeping this system balanced.

- **Diet matters:** Eating whole foods rich in fibre, healthy fats and protein supports gut bacteria. Fibre acts as fuel for good bacteria, while nutrients like omega-3 fatty acids support brain function.
- **Processed foods can disrupt balance:** Diets high in sugar and ultra-processed foods can increase inflammation and negatively affect both gut health and mood.
- **Sleep and stress:** Poor sleep and ongoing stress can disturb gut bacteria and affect digestion. Over time, this may lead to low energy, poor focus, and mood changes.
- **Physical activity:** Regular movement supports gut health and is linked to better mental well-being. Even simple activities like walking can make a difference.

The connection between the gut and brain highlights how closely physical and mental health are linked. Taking care of your digestion through balanced meals, good sleep, and regular movement can support both your body and mind. Small, consistent changes in daily habits can lead to better energy, improved focus, and a more stable mood over time.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult— a fitness and wellness platform

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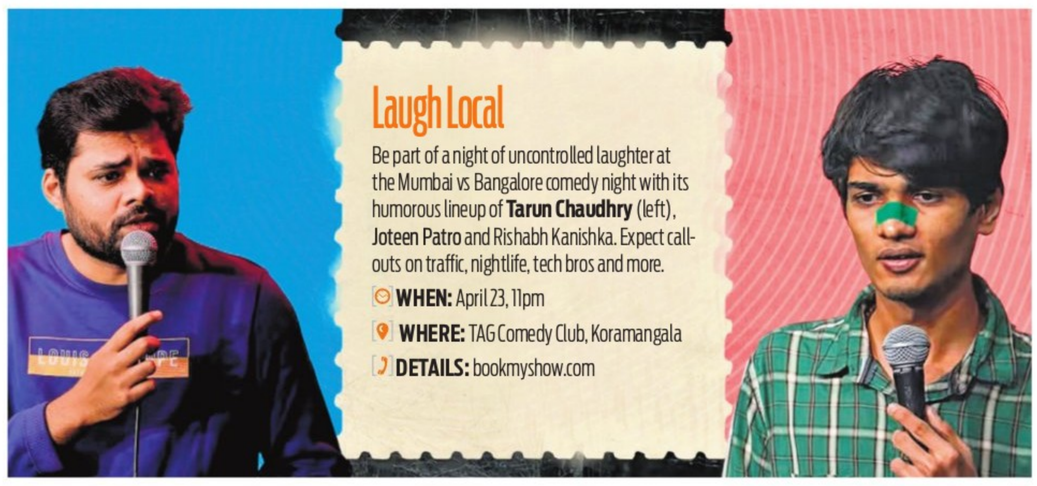

Laugh Local

Be part of a night of uncontrolled laughter at the Mumbai vs Bangalore comedy night with its humorous lineup of **Tarun Chaudhry** (left), **Joteen Patro** and Rishabh Kanishka. Expect call-outs on traffic, nightlife, tech bros and more.

WHEN: April 23, 11pm
WHERE: TAG Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Layers of Art

Experience the creative burst of textured painting in a workshop where it's just your imagination and the canvas. Create art that stays with you even after class.

WHEN: April 23, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
CALL: 73539 41419

Mango Magic

Step into a kitchen studio for a hands-on session built around one of summer's most comforting desserts: mango sticky rice. Learn how to cook, sweeten and bring it all together with someone to guide you through each step, from preparing the rice to finishing it with coconut cream.

WHEN: April 23, 3pm onwards.
WHERE: Foodstories, Lavelle Road
CALL: 70221 61401

Night Rocks

Tune in for a live performance by the band Vortex. Vibe with the high-energy beats, soaring vocals and hard-hitting rock anthems for a rock-infused night out.

WHEN: April 23, 9pm
WHERE: Hard Rock Cafe, St. Mark's Road
CALL: 80412 42222

Vegan Varieties

Treat your taste buds with a composed menu featuring fresh plant-based dining, surrounded by an airy and relaxed setting. This plant-based place puts vegetables, grains and legumes into dishes that are both refined and deeply satisfying.

WHEN: April 23, 12.30pm onwards
WHERE: The Verandah, Grand Mercure, Koramangala
CALL: 90083 00446

Bake a Bread

Step into the sweet and soft world of baking. Attend this hands-on workshop and learn the art of baking – from soft rolls and stuffed buns – under expert guidance..

WHEN: April 25, 2pm
WHERE: trèSor, Seshadripuram
CALL: 63623 44003

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DREAMY NIGHTS

Bengaluru-based artist Manu Baniya paints a symphony playing out on the night sky

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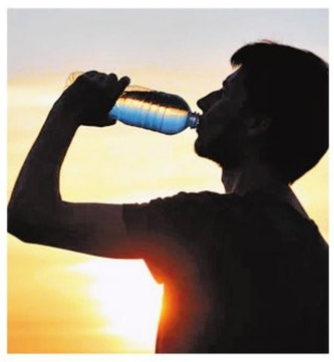
SUMMER STRESS ON YOUR LIVER

With World Liver Day having been marked on April 19, here's a lowdown on how heat, dehydration and diet affect the organ



DR KARAN

THE hot weather during peak summers usually makes us think of ways to beat the heat and stay cool. But there is one major organ that we seldom pay heed to during summertime, which needs special care as temperatures rise – the liver. It is known for the crucial metabolic function it performs in the body. The changing seasons, dehydration due to heat and other factors can cause added pressure on this organ. Seasonal changes in nature, altered physical conditions resulting from heat and dehydration can put more burden on this already overloaded organ silently. This is one of the reasons why the functioning of the liver deteriorates during this period.

One of the most significant challenges that occurs during summer is dehydration. In combination with excessive sweating, irregular water intake can lead to dehydration. As a result, the blood circulation of the whole body is hindered. Dehydration may result in impaired liver function, thus affecting its regular functions negatively and increasing the amount of pressure exerted on it. Long-term dehydration may cause fatigue and metabolic disturbances.

The concentration of bile, a fluid secreted by the liver, is affected by dehydration. Bile functions as a digestive fluid that digests fats, so its smooth flow plays a crucial role in the digestion process. When dehydration occurs, the density of bile increases, which slows down its digestive process and leads to the possibility of bloating or indigestion.

Summer also has its noticeable changes on diet patterns. There is often increased intake of cold beverages, processed drinks and outside food. Processing simple sugars from the consumption of too many cool drinks can add an excessive burden on the liver. Regular usage of such beverages can lead to fat accumulation in the liver, particularly in vulnerable individuals with a sedentary lifestyle, or other metabolic vulnerabilities.

Another common behavioural pattern seen during summer is irregular eating habits. The hot weather makes one's appetite dull, resulting in skipping meals but eating large portions late at night. If not controlled, it may cause metabolic imbalance and put additional pressure on the liver, which regulates the blood glucose levels and keeps the metabolism working efficiently.

In many cities, it is quite common to find higher levels of humidity accompanying high temperature, due to which the dependence on processed food is increased since most people prefer staying indoors during uncomfortable temperatures.

Processed food is usually rich in salts, fats and preservatives, which put added pressure on the liver to manage them efficiently. The intake of alcohol becomes high in summer, especially while attending social events. Moreover, dehydration that results from the summer season makes the intake of alcoholic drinks risky since it becomes another burden to the liver.

In fact, maintaining good health of the liver in summer does not require much effort at all. Certain practices can help maintain optimal health for the liver. Drinking plenty of water regularly helps in hydrating the body. It should be noted that one needs to drink water irrespective of being thirsty or not. Beverages like buttermilk, tender coconut water and fresh fruit juices assist in restoring the electrolyte balance of the body.

The diet should preferably consist of water-rich foods like fruits, vegetables, and natural drinks. Foods high in fat content, fried or processed, are difficult to break down and should preferably be avoided. Sugary drinks and sodas can also add unnecessary stress on the liver's functioning.

During summers, the liver works extra hard to keep up with all the internal needs of the body along with coping with the increase in temperature. With the right practices of eating and drinking, it is possible to ensure maximum efficiency of the liver during summers.

(The writer is a consultant, Hepatology & Medical Gastroenterology)

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World Headache Society Chairman Dr Pravin Thomas and Christ University's Registrar Dr Anil Joseph Pinto (second and third from left, respectively)

Varsity signs MoU with World Headache Society to further neuropsych research

Brain Drain to Gain

MISHA BANIYA

CHRIST University and the World Headache Society (WHS) signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Wednesday. The five-year agreement establishes a specialised training and research pipeline to produce a new generation of neuropsychologists equipped to handle the 'epidemic proportions of cognitive disorders looming over India's future,' as the WHS head Dr Pravin Thomas stated ahead of signing the agreement with the Registrar of Christ University, Dr Anil Joseph Pinto.

Through the agreement, students will benefit from clinical placements, guest lectures and supervised trainings from WHS. It also includes a joint collaborative and research agreement, allowing MSc Neuropsychology students access to WHS data for their own research projects. Dr Thomas emphasised the importance of furthering research in Neuropsychology based on indigenous data, saying, "If we do not have necessary research output, we are losing out on tailor-made solutions for our country's population. We end up relying on data and research done elsewhere which may not be relevant to us. India has a choice. This programme is a small but real step towards generating indigenous clinical data."

With nearly nine million citizens already living with dementia, a number set to soar to 18 million by 2036 and just one neurologist for every 4,00,000 people, the collaboration, according to Dr. Thomas, highlights the emerging concept of 'brain capital', viewing a nation's collective cognitive health as vital as physical infrastructure. "Brain health is economic policy," he emphasised, noting, "Late diagnoses and unmanaged chronic headaches represent significant real economic loss for the country."

Dr Pinto and Dr Thomas discussed the possibility of expanding this arrangement further for PU students, fostering a research culture that begins as early as high school and encouraging students to question traditional dualities between the 'mind' and the 'brain' as India transitions from battling communicable diseases to facing the rise of non-communicable lifestyle diseases.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SOWRIMANI @ SHOWRIMANI**, W/o Late Kumar, age 75 years, R/at No. 393, 1st Main Road, Pillanna Garden, 3rd Stage, A.C. Post, Bengaluru-560 045 do hereby declare that in my Aadhar Card, my name has been wrongly mentioned as **MANGALAKSHMI** instead of **SOWRIMANI @ SHOWRIMANI** and my husband name is wrongly mentioned as **MASILAMANI** instead of late Kumar, vide affidavit dated 21-04-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. HANUMANTHARAYA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHITHA J**, W/o. John Paul, aged about 41 years, residing at No.382, 2nd Main, Near Shanthisagar, Domlur Layout, Domlur, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560 071, have changed my name to **ASHITHA CARMEL J**, vide affidavit dated:22.04.2026 before Notary **A Gerard**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Service No.700548-B, Sergeant **Raveesh Lingappa Koratikere**, residing at #612, 6th Floor, Tower-3, Deccan Habitat, #36/1,Pipeline Road, Raghavendra Layout, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru560022, have changed my name from **Raveesh Lingappa Koratikere** to **Raveesha K L** vide Affidavit Dated: 21/04/2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

AFFIDAVIT
I, Rakesh R., S/o Ramu T., aged about 33 years, residing at No. 00, Hunusemaradapalya, Ramohalli, Bengaluru – 560074, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows: That my father's name is Ramu T, as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card issued by the competent authorities. I further declare that the name of my father as recorded in my Aadhaar Card shall be treated as correct and shall be continued in all my official records. It is made for the purpose of confirming the correct name of my father in all records.To that effect I made an vide affidavit dated 22/4/2026.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr.Balaji Chandrasekaran, aged about 39 years, S/o Chandrasekaran Pichaimanickam, residing at No. C-218, Parimala Riviera, Whitefield Main Road, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560066, have changed my minor daughter's name from **"B. DIYA"** to **"DIYA BALAJI"**, vide affidavit dated 21/4/2026 sworn to before Yankoba Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHANA PRIYA** (Old Name) aged about 30 years, W/o. J. Anand, residing at No.16, 3rd Floor, 3rd Main, Near SBI, Channasandra 5th Stage, RR Nagar, Bangalore-560098, have changed my name from **MOHANA PRIYA** (Old Name) to **MOHANA PRIYA S** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 22.04.2025 before Notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be called as **MOHANA PRIYA S** only in all documents.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DHANAPAL** (Old Name), S/o NARAYANA SWAMY, aged about 61 years, Resident at FLAT No. 205, VINAYAKA NIVAS APARTMENTS, 5TH CROSS, SBM ROAD, KSRTC LAYOUT, UTTARAHALLI, BENGALURU-560061, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **DHANAPAL** (Old Name) to **DHANAPAL TOKALA** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **DHANAPAL TOKALA** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 21/04/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **THOMAS / THOMAS ALVA EDISON** S/o Guruswamy, R/at No. 117/2, Yellamma Temple Road, Near Old Yellamma Temple Annasandra Palya, Vimanapura, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560017 do hereby declare that I intend to change my name to **G. CHANDRAN**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **G. CHANDRAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21st April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEERA .H** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Service No.700548-B, Sergeant **Raveesh Lingappa Koratikere**, residing at #612, 6th Floor, Tower-3, Deccan Habitat, #36/1,Pipeline Road, Raghavendra Layout, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru560022, have changed the name of my spouse from **Parvathi Raveesh** to **Parvathi Raveesha**, vide Affidavit Dated: 21/04/2026,sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAROJA SAWANT SANAPUJI,** aged 44 years, W/o **Sawant B Sanapuji,** residing of No.12/1, 2nd floor, 8th Cross, K.B. Temple Road, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, have changed my name from **YALLAVVA YADRANVI** to **SAROJA SAWANT SANAPUJI** vide affidavit dated 21-04-2026 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUSHMITHA S H**, W/o G C Darshan, aged about 31 years, residing at No. 233, 2nd Floor, 3rd Avenue, 5th Main, Teachers Colony, 1st Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560034, hereby state that in my son **ARRAV GOWDA**'s school record my name is mentioned as **SUSHMITHA INSTEAD OF SUSHMITHA S H.** The name has been rectified as said vide affidavit dated 18-03-2026 before Notary Yankoba, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KAUSHIK PURUSHOTHAM PATEL,** S/o. Purushotham Khetha Patel, aged about 32 years, and **MANISHA K PATEL,** W/o Kaushik Purushotham Patel aged about 30 years, both residing at #180/3, JK Kunj, Banasawadi Outer Ring Road, Bangalore North, PO: Kalyananagar, DIST: Bangalore, Karnataka, 560043, We are changing our son's name from **YOM KAUSHIK PATEL** to **DHYOM KAUSHIK PATEL** for all purposes vide Affidavit dated 21st April 2026. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KASHVI CHOTTERA AIYAPPA,** D/o. Aiyappa Chottera Thimmaiah, Residing at No.01/16, Kanoor Main Road, Tuchamakeri Village, Chikkamandur Post, Ponnampet, Kodagu-571216, Today Camping at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **KASHVI AIYAPPA**, Vide Affidavit Dated: 22.04.2026 before notary **GANGARAJU. B.N.**, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **T. VENKATESHAN,** S/o Sri Thangavelu, age 73 years, R/at no.6, 26th Main, 36th Cross, 9th Block, Jayangar, Bangalore-560 069 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **T.MANI** and **T.VENKATESHAN** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 2nd March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Service No.700548-B, Sergeant **Raveesh Lingappa Koratikere**, residing at #612, 6th Floor, Tower-3, Deccan Habitat, #36/1,Pipeline Road, Raghavendra Layout, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru560022, have changed the name of my dependent daughter from **Manasa K R** to **Maanasa R K**, vide Affidavit Dated: 21/04/2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **REETHIKA REDDY** D/o K Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy Residing at No.113; Ground Floor, 6th Cross, 1st Main, Jayamuni Nagar, Nitte College Road, Venkatala, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064. Hereby solemnly declare that as per my education records my father name is **K VIJAYA BHASKAR REDDY** but in passport my father name mentioned as **VIJAY BHASKAR REDDY KUNAM**, Request the concerned authorities to do the necessary changes vide affidavit dated.21.04.2026 sworn to before Notary, **S R Ravikumar**,Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Lokesh N, aged about 33 years residing at S. Bingipura Dhakale, Podu Village, Hulimangala Post, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 560105, have changed my minor son's name from **Yojith Gowda B.L** to **Rakshith Raj B.L,** vide affidavit dated 22/4/2026 sworn to before B R Shashikala Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUMUKH R** S/o Ramesh M S, residing at No 24, Ground floor, 2nd Main, 19th Cross, Near V V English School, T G Layout, Ittamadu, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, I state that in my records / documents my father name was entered as **RAMESH M S** instead of **RAMESHA M S,** henceforth my father's name shall be known and recorded as **RAMESHA M S,** for all purpose, vide affidavit dated: 18.04.2026 sworn before notary Mamatha N K, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TRUPTI VIRENDRA UPPALWAR**, W/o Virendra Arun Uppalwar, age 32 years, permanent Address at Sahakar Nagar, Wardha, PO: Wardha, District: Wardha, Maharashtra-552001, presently R/at No.20, 8th D Cross, Brindavan Layout, LBS Nagar, Bengaluru-560 017 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **TRUPTI SATISH PANDILWAR** to **TRUPTI VIRENDRA UPPALWAR**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **TRUPTI VIRENDRA UPPALWAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22nd April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A.R. MUNEER AHMED** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Devakumari B**, W/o. No.7767945-K, Ex-Hav/Hony/Nb/Sub late. Bharat Bahadur Singh, residing at #747, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Kamalanagar, Bengaluru 560079, have changed my name from **Dev Kumari** to **Devakumari B,** vide Affidavit Dated: 21/04/2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Padma Pallavi M W/o. Ranganath H. N , aged about 40 years, R/at Flat No. F-5, PSR Pavillion, 1st Main Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru- 560 024. I have changed my minor Daughter **SHREYA H. R.** (Old Name) name as **H. R. SREYA SANAYA** (New Name), vide affidavit dated 21.04.2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary Devika Kumari A.,

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **V KALAPANA** W/o Kunam Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy Residing at No.113, Ground Floor, 6th Cross, 1st Main, Jayamuni Nagar, Nitte College Road, Venkatala, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **K. KALAPANA** to **V KALAPANA** vide affidavit dated 21.04.2026 sworn to before Notary, **S R Ravikumar**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHAKRAVARTHY DEVINENI**, S/o Ramakrishna .D, age 50 years, R/at No. 216/3, Flat No. 004, Kodigehalli Main Road, Near Sai Baba Temple, Sanjeevini Nagar, Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru-560092 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHAKRAVARTHY DEVINENI** to **D.N. PRASAD,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **D.N. PRASAD** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 09-04-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. NAGARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **INDU PERIWAL**, W/o. Anurag Periwal, residing at VRR Golden Enclave B-05, Villa Hulimangala Main Road, Jigani Anekal, Bangalore-560105, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **INDU KUMARI RAMESHWAR LAL PERIWAL** to **INDU PERIWAL,** vide affidavit dated 22.04.2026, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru Rural District.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **V. MANJULA**, W/o Vasanthakumar, r/at No. 21, Gandhi Street, Kathirkamam, Thattanchavady, Puducherry-605009 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GOVINDAMMAL .P** to **V. MANJULA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **V. MANJULA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22nd April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N.NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) LAXMI,** mother of No. JC-782350H, NB/SUB, SOMANATH, residing at Bekkinakeri (Vill), Bekkinakeri (Post), Belgaum (Post), Belgaum (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN:591128, Have Changed my to **(NEW NAME) LAXMI SAWANT** And **DOB** from **01.07.1961** to **01.01.1968** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2026 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RITU R. JAIN,** D/o Sri Rajesh Kumar and **SMT. SEEMA DEVI,** W/o Sri Mehul Jain, age 28 years, R/at No. 27, 2nd Floor, Ambani Nivas, 5th Cross, Kumara Park West, Near Subramanya Swamy Temple, Bengaluru-560020 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **RITU R. JAIN, RITU, RITU RAJESH KUMAR JAIN, RITU JAIN** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RITU JAIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22nd April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANANDHI PRAVEEN**, D/o. Gnana Adhikkan A, residing at No. 473, 7th Floor, DSR Woodwinds, Sarjapur Main Road, Bangalore-560035, have changed my name to **ANANDHI GNANA ADHIKAN**, vide affidavit dated 21.04.2026, sworn before notary Mohammed Hussain K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHASHI JHA, W/o, Arun Kumar Chowdhary, aged 59 years, Residing at, # 9705, Polo Prestige Monte Carlo, Doddaballapura Main Road, Puttenahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560064, & presently Residing at, 279/42, Bowin, Thailand, state that both the names **SHASHI CHOWDHARY** & **SHASHI JHA,** belongs to one and the same person and belongs to me only vide Affidavit dated:22-04-2026, Sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, H. Sridhar Rao, Bangalore. I shall be known & called as **SHASHI JHA** only, for all Official and Future Purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) AKSHAY KUMAR .L** Residing at No: 301, 3rd Floor, Kothari Mansion, 2nd Corss, 7th Main, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-560 021, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) AKSHAY KUMAR . L to (NEW NAME) AKSHAY KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 21.04.2026 sworn before Notary V.Rajashekhara, B.A.,LLB., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BANGALORE RAMACHANDRAIAH NAGARATHNA,** W/o. Muniswamappa Thimma Naik, aged about 68 years, R/at. No. 509, 4th Main, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, 1st Stage, Kalyananagar, Bangalore-560043, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAMACHANDRAIAH NAGARATHNA** to **BANGALORE RAMACHANDRAIAH NAGARATHNA, W/o. Muniswamappa Thimma Naik,** vide affidavit dated 23.03.2026, sworn to before Ramachandrappa .C, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. SHYAMLATA SAHU**, W/o. Ashish Kumar Sahu, resident of # 1411, B1 Block, 14th Floor, Windsor Troika Apartment, Akshaynagar, Yelenahalli, Bengaluru-560114, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHYAMLATA ASHISH KUMAR SAHU** to **SHYAMLATA SAHU,** vide affidavit dated 22.04.2026, sworn to before Jain Swarnamala, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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SONAL MONTEIRO JOINS VASISHTA SIMHA IN *KADAL KOTE*

This marks the second outing for the lead pair; the team is currently stationed along the coastal belt, shooting at a stretch

A SHARADHAA

ACTOR Vasishta Simha is currently busy filming *Kadal Kote*, a gangster drama directed by Ranjith Kumar. The talkie parts are almost done, and the team is now focusing on finishing the songs, and action sequences. Vasishta is paired with Sonal Monteiro in this film, marking their second collaboration after their yet-to-be-released, Talwar Pete.

Director Ranjith Kumar notes that Sonal's casting was both natural and timely. He says, "She suited the role perfectly, and we were able to schedule smoothly."

The team started shooting on March 6, just after the film's muhurath, and has been shooting at a stretch along the coast to give the story a strong sense of place and realness.

Kadal Kote takes inspiration from true events in the area, a choice the makers believe adds a genuine, lived-in feel to the story. As the filmmakers share the first stills, *Kadal Kote* looks like a raw, character-driven gangster story rooted in realism and coastal regional flavour.

In addition to the lead pair, the film features a strong supporting cast, including Swaraj Shetty, Yash Shetty, Ravi Shankar, Sharath Lohitashwa, and Achyuth Kumar in important roles. Tara portrays Vasishta's mother in the film. The film's technical team includes music by Shashank Sheshagiri, cinematography by Venus Nagaraj Murthy, and editing by Pawan Gowda.

Sonal Monteiro

A still from the film

I like backing ideas that feel fresh: Dhananjaya

Team Jerax

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ACTOR Dhananjaya, who is adept at balancing acting and production, is stepping into the OTT space by backing the web series *Jerax*, set to stream on ZEE5 from April 24. The series, produced under the Daali Pictures banner, brings a new chapter to his career. In an interaction ahead of its release, Dhananjaya said, "I am very happy to be associated with *Jerax*. This is my first step as a producer in the OTT space, and it feels special."

For Dhananjaya, this debut is not just about entering a new medium but about backing ideas that feel fresh, collaborative, and rooted in strong storytelling. Speaking about the series, he highlighted the strength of its ensemble and the collaborative process behind it. "The series has a strong group of artists, from fresh talent to experienced performers, and everyone has done a fine job. When I first watched it, I was genuinely pleased. The writing and execution have come out well," he added.

Jerax, directed by Srinidhi Bengaluru, and headlined by Nagabhushana, is built on a quirky science fiction idea, imagining what happens when a Xerox-like process goes beyond paper and begins duplicating humans. For Dhananjaya, the appeal was simple and clear. "This was about putting together a good story with a good team. That was the intention from the beginning," he said.

He also acknowledged the growing importance of streaming platforms in shaping new opportunities. "We are presenting this series with great happiness. Platforms like ZEE5 are giving opportunities to good talent, and I hope that space continues to grow bigger," he noted.

Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala release date is a special coincidence: Chandan Shetty

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RAPPER-turned-actor, and Bigg Boss Kannada 5 winner Chandan connects his own journey with Sujay Shasstry's *Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala* that explores life without clocks, blending humour, mystery and reflection in a rural setting

For Chandan Shetty, time is not just a passing idea. It is something he has experienced closely, and it now reflects in the theme of his latest film, *Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala*

The winner of Bigg Boss Kannada 5, where life moved without clocks and routine had to be guessed, Chandan finds an unexpected connection to a story built around time. Blending humour, mystery and reflection, the film echoes his own journey, shaped by time, patience and belief.

"Every moment is important. I have learnt so much in a short span. What we think is beautiful is one thing, but I believe God has planned something even better. Right now, I just want to go with the flow and grow with the flow," he says. The film's premise mirrors that thought. Set in a rural landscape with no clocks and limited access to the outside world, with just one bus, it explores how people function when time is not measured in the usual way. "When we pull someone's leg, there are always four people ready to pull ours. Time pulls our leg too. But we cannot pull time back," he adds.

Directed by Sujay Shastry, the project excited Chandan even as it challenged him. "When he narrated the story, I was excited. But I also wondered if I could pull off a retro character from the 1980s. As a rapper, I was not sure how audiences would see me as an actor in such films. Workshops helped, and slowly I realised I could do it. I worked on my body language, even went to the extent of putting on weight. I realised there is so much to do for a film, and to be an actor."

Though he had two other releases before this, Chandan says this film is special for him and his family. Asked about a moment he would want to pause in time, he recalls the success of his breakout rap 3 Peg. "The day it released, I was called for a show. When I stepped on stage, I felt like a star. That is one moment I would pause if I could."

He also reveals that before entering films as an actor, he had visited the memorial of Dr Rajkumar, seeking blessings. "Today, it feels like more than coincidence that this film releases on April 24, his birth anniversary. That makes it very special."

The cast also includes Archana Kottige, HG Dattatreya, Tara, Mandya Ramesh, Mahantesh Hiremath, Ananth Padmanabha and Manju Pavagada. With cinematography by Vishwajith Rao, the film has music by Praveen-Pradeep.

Chandan Shetty

Curry Barker to direct *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* reboot

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DISTRIBUTOR A24's film reboot of *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* has found its director. Curry Barker, known for the film Obsession, has come on board the upcoming reimagining of the 1974 horror classic as its director. Tobe Hooper and Kim Henkel created *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. A Texas Chainsaw TV series is also being developed by director JY Mollner, known for his work on the thriller film Strange Darling.

The franchise has a total of nine films, with the original followed up by *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2* in 1986, helmed by Hooper and written by LM Kit. Henkel wrote and helmed *The Return of the Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, also called Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Next Generation, in 1995, starring Renee Zellweger and Matthew McConaughey. Additionally, the story was spun as a novel, a comic book series and three video games.

Obsession, which revolved around a man who has a deadly wish for his crush to love him back, was acquired for $14 million at the Toronto International Film Festival. Filmmaker Barker made his debut with Milk & Serial on YouTube. Meanwhile, Barker is working as director, co-writer, and star of Anything But Ghosts, a Blumhouse film which is currently in production. The film will revolve around two fake paranormal investigators who are confronted by real spirits and are forced to face the lies that formed their business.

Sydney Sweeney cut from *The Devil Wears Prada 2*

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Sydney Sweeney's brief scene from the upcoming film *The Devil Wears Prada 2* has been removed, according to reports. As reported, the film features actors Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, and Emily Blunt who reprise their characters from the 2006 original. Reportedly, Sweeney had a scene around the start of the film in which she portrayed a version of herself. In the scene, Blunt's character, named Emily Charlton, can be seen styling Sweeney's character for an event. However, the scene was later removed in the editing process. Besides Sweeney, actor Conrad Ricamora's role has also been removed from the film's final version. Reports indicate that Ricamora's character has not gone down well with the film's early audience, who questioned its relevance in the story. It is worth noting that the sequel to The Devil Wears Prada recently had its world premiere in New York.

Citadel Season 2 gets release date

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PRIME Video announced on Tuesday night that the second season of its series *Citadel* will release on the streamer on May 6, Wednesday. The series stars Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Richard Madden, and Stanley Tucci in lead roles, with Jack Reynor recently added in a recurring role. The streamer also released a trailer for *Citadel Season 2* on Tuesday night.

David Weil is an executive producer and the showrunner of *Citadel*, an Amazon MGM Studios production. Joe Russo has helmed the second season, besides serving as an executive producer alongside Anthony Russo. Rahul Kohli, Matt Berry, Merle Dandridge, Gabriel Leone, and Rayna Vallandingham, among others, are also part of the series' cast.

Richard and Priyanka star as *Citadel* agents Mason Kane and Nadia Sinh. After uncovering the sinister organisation Manticore, led by the ruthless Dahlia (Lesley Manville), Kane suffers a catastrophic incident in the first season. Eight years later, Kane has assumed a new identity, Kyle Conroy, with his memories erased. However, his quiet life is disrupted when a former colleague (Stanley Tucci) reaches out for his assistance.

Citadel serves as a springboard for multiple series in different nations that will have some connection in terms of story and characters. An Italian show titled *Citadel: Diana and an Indian one*, *Citadel: Honey Bunny*, premiered previously on the streamer.

Here's the first look at Tom Rhys Harries as *Clayface*

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DC Studios has unveiled the first look at Tom Rhys Harris as the titular character in their upcoming film, *Clayface*. The film directed by James Watkins, the maker of Speak No Evil (2024), will release on October 23. It is written by Mike Flanagan, who is known for works like The Haunting of Hill House, The Haunting of Bly Manor, The Life of Chuck, and Doctor Sleep.

Harries plays a version of *Clayface*, whose alter ego is the up and coming actor Matt Hagen, who turns into the titular supervillain after a traumatising event disfigures him. Harries has acted in Guy Ritchie's The Gentlemen (2019), among other titles.

The cast of *Clayface* includes Naomi Ackie, Max Minghella, David Dencik, and Eddie Marsan. *Clayface* is the third film in DC Studios' first phase of films and television series, dubbed Chapter 1: Gods and Monsters. With Superman (2025) being the first film, *Clayface* will release months after Craig Gillespee's upcoming film, Supergirl.